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Shunning an immediate overseas honeymoon and opting instead for a quiet weekend at a secret British location, Prince William and Kate Middleton made it clear Saturday they want to carve out some space for themselves.

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We hope that CBP considers who they're trying to transfer here. They're arrogant and very disrespectful. I hope they put a stop to this...because it's affecting our main tourism industry here and the returning passengers.

—Senate Vice President Jude U. Hofsneider

## CNMI wants probe on alleged mistreatment of passengers



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Senate Vice President Jude U. Hofsneider (R-Tinian) and other senators asked the U.S. Customs and Border Protection to conduct an official investigation into CBP officers' alleged "callous treatment" of airline crew and passengers arriving at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport not only on April 16 but on other previous dates as well.

## Not one but two proposed sole-source contracts totaling \$113K disapproved

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Procurement and Supply director Herman Sablan, it turned out, disapproved not only one but two proposed sole-source contracts for Jural Group totaling \$113,000, including a \$65,000 that the *Saipan Tribune* reported last week.

Information about the second proposed sole-source contract of \$48,000 also for a project related to the Department of Public Safety was obtained only on Friday through an Open Government

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The senators also said arriving airline crew and passengers had to wait for some 15 minutes only for the CBP officers to "warm up their computers" on April 16.

This is in addition to the 10 to 15 minutes processing of each passenger, the

senators said.

Hofsneider wrote a letter on April 27 addressed to CBP commissioner Alan Bersin and CBP assistant commissioner Thomas S. Winkowski asking for an "official investigation" into the matter and

address the complaints raised in their two-page letter.

During Friday's Senate session, senators took turns sharing their concerns about alleged mistreatment of passengers.

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### IT TAKES A COMMUNITY

Saipan Chamber of Commerce's Jay Santos, front-left, of Triple J Motors, gives graduating private and public high school students a roundup of what's expected of them when it comes to balancing work and family, as part of the Chamber's workshop on Saturday at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe to help prepare students for college, employment or military service.

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## FOR FAILING TO PASS PRAXIS

## Over 150 teachers receive 90-day notice from PSS

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Over 150 teachers of the CNMI Public Schools System were served 90-day termination notices last Friday, informing

them that they only have until July 31 to remain in their current jobs.

These teachers are considered non-highly qualified by the system for failing to complete the three requirements set by the Board of Education to be

classified as a highly qualified teacher: degree, certification, and Praxis tests.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that there are about 560 classroom teachers employed at 20 public schools on Saipan, Rota,

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**'Days of criminals not immediately held accountable for actions over'**

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Attorney General Edward T. Buckingham over the weekend stated that the days of years going by before a defendant is held to account for criminal misconduct are over.

In a press release regarding the conviction of "ice supplier" Qun Yu on Friday, Buckingham said it was a case that went from Yu's arrest in August 2010 to trial and conviction approximately eight months later.

Buckingham expressed appreciation to all members of the Office of the Attorney General's Criminal Division.

"Today we are seeing some of the fruits of hard work by all members of our office," the AG said.

He said the Office of the Attorney General reminded all that the possession and sale of methamphetamine or "ice" is a major crime that will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law allows.

Chief Prosecutor Michael Ernest said a great deal of effort was expended on Yu's trial, and that they are proud of the result.

"Assistant Attorneys General Russell Lorling and Tiberius Mocanu did an exceptional job, as well as the Department of Public Safety and Customs officers," Ernest said.

Yu, also known as Papasang and Jay, was found guilty of all 10 charges that carry a total maximum penalty of 92 years in jail.

The six jurors rendered a guilty verdict on the 47-year-old Yu on two counts of trafficking of a controlled substance, one count of conspiracy to commit trafficking of a controlled substance, and three counts of assault with a dangerous weapon.

Superior Court Associate Judge David Wiseman, who decided the four charges, found Yu guilty of two counts of possession of a controlled substance, one count of obstruction of justice, and one count of resisting arrest.

Sentencing will be on June 29, 2011 at 9am.

Attorney Stephen C. Woodruff, counsel for Yu, told *Saipan Tribune* after Friday's hearing that although they disagreed with the verdict, they respect the jury's and the court's decision.

According to the prosecution, Yu sold a total of 2.5 grams of "ice" to a "cooperating defendant" on Aug. 3 and 4, 2010.

Yu managed to escape during a car chase with CNMI Drug Task Force members and Criminal Investigation Bureau along Middle Road in Gualo Rai and

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## Tourists fall prey to burglars at Tank Beach

A car driven by tourists was burglarized yesterday afternoon at Tank Beach in Kagman, causing the car rental company's owner to express disappointment as it was their fifth vehicle burglarized at the same beach since last January.

## Man with alleged fraudulent driver's license is seeking court-appointed investigator

A jobless man who was recently arrested for allegedly obtaining a CNMI driver's license through fraud, has asked the federal court to appoint an investigator in order for him mount a complete and proper defense.

Attorney James N. Camacho, counsel for defendant Wei Lin, told the U.S. District Court for the NMI that without disclosing the defense's strategy, an investigator is needed to assist him (Camacho) in additional investigation.

Camacho said his client is unable to post bail and remains in custody and that the assistance of an investigator is needed to facilitate additional avenues of investigation inadvertently omitted or not vigorously pursued by the U.S. government.

"The defense is particularly concerned of the appearance of racial profiling and the use of CNMI (State) Law Enforcement Personnel to investigate and enforce Federal Immigration Laws and Policy, a situation similar to the national controversy happening in Arizona,"

said Camacho in Lin's motion.

A preliminary hearing to determine if there is probable cause to proceed with the case against Lin will be on May 18, 2011 at 9am.

Camacho said an investigator is very much needed to prepare for the preliminary hearing, as well as in the trial (if the court determines that the case will proceed to trial).

The complaint filed by the U.S. government charged Lin with two counts of knowingly possessing, obtaining, accepting, and receiving a CNMI driver's license obtained through fraud.

According to Immigration and Customs Enforcement special agent Isra D. Harahap, on April 1, 2011, Lin was found in possession of a duplicate CNMI driver's license after telling the Bureau of Motor Vehicles that his driver's license had been lost, even though the original license was actually seized by a police officer and transferred to ICE. (Ferdie de la Torre)

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Chalan Kiya in the afternoon of Aug. 4, 2010.

On Aug. 25, 2010, Yu was arrested after a concerned citizen called police that an Asian man, who seemed disoriented and dehydrated, was spotted in the vicinity of the former Radar Station in Marpi.

The driver's window of the 2011 Mazda 3 rented by a couple from Hong Kong was shattered. The suspect or suspects searched the car and only took a can of soda as no money or other items were in the vehicle.

The tourists were taking pictures on the beach and when they returned to the car they were surprised upon finding out that the window was already damaged.

James Han, president of QQ Car Rental, told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that it is very disturbing that some people don't care about the Commonwealth's tourism industry.

Han pointed out that these tourists come to Saipan to see the beautiful island, but they instead end up victims of these burglars at the tourist sites.

Han said their cars are all in-



FERDIE DE LA TORRE

QQ Car Rental president James Han shows the shattered window of their 2011 Mazda 3 that was burglarized at Tank Beach in Kagman yesterday. A couple from Hong Kong were surprised upon learning about the burglary.

sured so he is more concerned about the tourists who became victims.

"When these tourists come back to their countries they

will surely talk about how bad Saipan is," he said.

Han said in the previous four other burglary cases involving their vehicles, police

stated they would try to catch the burglars.

"Until now no one has been arrested," the car rental president said. (Ferdie de la Torre)

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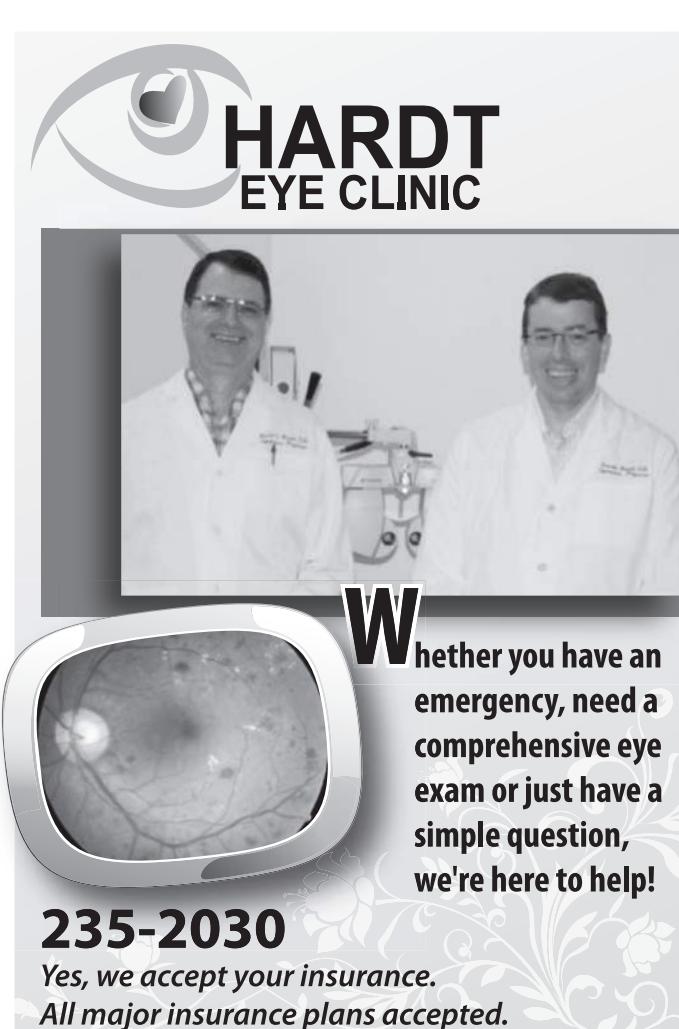
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## TEACHERS

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and Tinian. Of the figure, 77 percent are highly qualified while 23 percent are still in the process of completing all the requirements.

Principals interviewed by *Saipan Tribune* revealed that the notices were issued starting April 27 pursuant to the 90-day requirement in the policy.

However, they assured that once they complete the requirements before the July 31, these teachers will continue to be employed by the schools while those who fail will lose their jobs. Last Saturday, a bulk of the over 150 non-HQTs took the Praxis tests.

Result of the recent Praxis is expected soon.

It was in 2006 when the CNMI State Board of Education adopted requirements for classroom teachers to become

highly qualified, pursuant to the No Child Left Behind Act's highly qualified personnel mandate. Beginning July 31 this year, the federal government will only allow the hiring of highly qualified personnel in all school districts.

In Kagman Elementary School, principal Ignacia Demapan confirmed issuing notices to nine non-HQTs last April 27. However, she pointed out that all them—who yet to pass either the Praxis 1 or 2—took the examinations again Saturday.

Demapan is confident that the said teachers will successfully pass the requirement and could stay in their field. Kagman Elementary School has 30 teachers at present.

In Kagman High School, principal Alfred Ada also confirmed issuing the same notification to nine teachers, whom he described as all highly effective educators and established a good rapport with their teaching class. Kag-

Korea on April 16 via Asiana Airlines Flight 0Z605. Hofschneider said the flight was filled with mostly Korean and Chinese nationals.

In his letter to CBP's Bersin and Winkowski, Hofschneider said "upon arrival, all the passengers had to stand in line for about 15 minutes, waiting for the CBP officers to warm up their computers."

"As an elected official of the CNMI, I was flabbergasted that the officers were not ready to receive the passengers upon arrival and embarrassed that our visitors encountered unprepared CBP officials," Hofschneider said.

He said when the CBP officers finally got their computers running, the pilot and crew of Asiana Airlines attempted to clear U.S. immigration first.

"CBP Officer Timothy Gray pointed his finger at the pilot and crew and abrasively instructed them to go back to the line behind all U.S. citizens. Officer Gray sternly told the pilot and crew that he was going to clear all U.S. citizens first before screening them," the senator said.

### Callous treatment

In his letter, Hofschneider also mentioned that he and the Senate president were "mortified by the callous treatment of the pilot and crew."

"We were extremely grateful to the pilot and crew for bringing us home safe. Therefore, we asked the passengers in line to allow the pilot and crew to stand in line before us. In the United States, the pilot and crew are usually given first class treatment and cleared through immigration without delay and hesitation. It should not be any different on Saipan," Hofschneider said.

Manglona and Cruz, during a Senate session on Friday, corroborated the statements made by Hofschneider in his letter.

They also said the CBP officers "greeted the passengers with less than friendly faces and screened each passenger as if they were convicted criminals attempting to enter the CNMI."

Hofschneider and Manglona, during the session and in the letter, said they discussed the issue with an Asiana Airlines agent present at the Saipan airport.

He said senators and other government officials, including Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, made him aware of the complaints against CBP officers, including the one on April 16.

"Sometime back they brought similar issues to my attention. I arranged for a meeting with the lieutenant governor and the Marianas Visitors Authority... I had my own meeting (with CBP) in Washington...I thought they were past this thing, but apparently it has come up again," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune* on Saturday.

### Flabbergasted

Hofschneider and other senators traveled to China in mid-April to meet with investors interested in putting up a casino resort and other businesses on Tinian.

They came back to Saipan through

## LOCAL

man High has 38 teachers and will find replacement to nine educators if they fail the Praxis tests.

Ada told *Saipan Tribune* that he's confident that all his teachers will be highly qualified before the July 31 deadline.

In Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School, principal Charlotte Camacho confirmed that only one 90-day notice was issued last Friday and she is optimistic that the teacher could complete the requirement on time and will remain at GTC.

Other school principals revealed that among the three HQT requirements, passing the Praxis 1 and 2 remains the unfulfilled requirement of more than 100 non-highly qualified teachers of the system.

Since the adoption of the HQT regulation, the education board also approved a compensation plan that provides higher wage for qualified teachers in the Commonwealth—from

economic development', CBP officers must conduct themselves professionally and courteously and refrain from abrasive and unwelcoming remarks and actions toward visitors from China and other foreign countries," Hofschneider told Bersin and Winkowski.

Senate floor leader Pete Reyes (R-Saipan), during Friday's session, said CBP Officer Timothy Gray's alleged actions "was almost a deliberate attempt to sabotage our economic opportunity."

### Not the first time

This is not the first time that the CNMI as well as Guam government officials complained of alleged harsh treatment of CNMI-bound passengers.

In 2009, then CNMI Senate President Pete P. Reyes (R-Saipan) and former House Speaker Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan) wrote a letter to Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, calling for an investigation into alleged harassment of CNMI travelers at the Guam airport.

Customs and immigration personnel in Guam are federal employees and are not under the authority of the local government.

Reyes and Palacios had said some CNMI travelers, including businessmen, green card holders, and other travelers who enter or transit through Guam, have claimed they were harassed at the Guam airport by federal immigration and other enforcement officers.

One of them, a Japanese businessman who is in charge of multi-million investments in the CNMI for years, had to endure hearing foul language and rude gestures from a Guam airport enforcement officer, they said.

Another green card holder, also of Japanese descent, was held for hours at the Guam airport despite showing his travel documents early on and was also subjected to verbal abuse, they added.

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce, the largest group of businesses in the CNMI with some 150 members, agrees with Hofschneider's concerns about CBP officers.

"Although I cannot comment as to the specific events about that flight into Saipan stated in Senator Hofschneider's letter to Customs and Border Patrol authorities, and although I do believe there are different protocols concerning Chinese and Russian visitors into a U.S. jurisdiction, I most certainly agree with Mr. Hofschneider in trying to effectuate a more efficient, less intrusive, and at all times courteous entry into any part of the U.S., and in our case the CNMI. National security is paramount, but CBP being cognizant of the referenced unique circumstances here in the CNMI should be a factor, as well," said Chamber executive director Richard Pierce.

\$28,000 annual salary up to \$47,000 per year depending on their qualifications and credentials.

Each year, the education board and PSS allocate a substantial amount to help the non-HQTs to fulfill their requirements. Besides the school level

## CONTRACTS

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Act request for information.

The \$48,000 was meant for the administration and implementation of the CNMI's Recreational Boating Safety Grant Program, while the \$65,000 was for the management and implementation of DPS's 2009 Driver License Security Program.

Jural Group's president is former public safety commissioner Clyde Norita.

Most of Jural Group's employees are former DPS employees including law enforcers, emergency responders, grant writers, and program administrators.

Sablan disapproved the two proposed sole-source contracts for Jural Group on the same day, based on a Feb. 28, 2011 letter from Sablan to DPS, which was then headed by former commissioner Santiago Tudela.

Sablan said the proposed contracts do not meet the sole-source justification requirement, and poses a conflict of interest concern.

He asked DPS to instead procure the services competitively through a request for proposal or invitation to bid.

Sablan said the sole-source justification for both contracts are not in conformity with the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code "Section 70-30.3-225" referring to sole-source procurement.

Sablan also said awarding a contract to Jural Group "may also create a prohibited conflict of interest under NMI-AC Section 70-30.3-740."

Former DPS commissioner Santiago Tudela said he signed off on the proposed \$65,000 contract in February because the federal grant was already about to expire.

The \$65,000 was part of a \$600,000 federal grant awarded as early as 2009 but Tudela and another reliable source said the CNMI Office of Homeland Security allowed the federal grant to sit idle since 2009.

That 2009 grant was set to expire in February 2011, but the deadline to commit the \$600,000 federal grant was later on extended for another year, or up to February 2012.

Tudela, in a phone interview yesterday, said he knew little information about the other \$48,000 proposed sole-source contract.

The justifications for the sole-source contracts and other documents related to the contracts were signed by Tudela, Ambrosio Ogumoro, and Aniceto Ogumoro between October 2010 and February 2011.

Sablan on Friday confirmed that he in fact rejected both proposed sole-source contracts, but declined to comment further.

### Sole-source justification

The Procurement and Supply director, in his Feb. 28 letter, said although DPS made a case that Jural Group is well qualified to undertake the two projects, "it has not made a case that Jural Group is the only contractor that could undertake the work."

Sablan thus asked DPS to issue a request for proposal or information to bid for the two proposed contracts.

DPS has yet to issue an RFP or an ITB.

Jural Group has been actively participating in DPS's RFPs and ITBs.

NMIAC § 70-30.3-225(a) allows a

programs, non-HQTs also have access to the state-level professional development sessions that would help them to complete the requirements. Saturday and after-school trainings for them were also initiated in their respective schools as well as summer programs.

contract to be awarded without competition when, among other things, the director determines in writing that there is only one source for the supply, service, or construction.

NMIAC § 70-30.3-225(b), meanwhile, requires a written justification for sole source procurement to be prepared by the official with expenditure authority and shall contain the specific unique capabilities required; the specific unique capabilities of the contractor; the efforts made to obtain competition; and the specific considerations given to alternative sources and specific reasons why alternative sources were not selected."

### Conflict of interest

Sablan, in his letter, said awarding a contract to Jural Group violates NMIAC Section 70-30.3-740 "because its president, and most, if not all, of the Jural's employees are former employees of the CNMI, and as such are permanently disqualified from working on a matter in which they were personally involved during their government service."

He said in the justification for the licensing contract, the former duties of key Jural Group employees when they worked for the CNMI "pointed out several times as support for the award."

"These former duties may have involved work that would create a conflict if Jural Group is awarded a licensing contract," Sablan said.

The CNMI Government Ethics Code has a one-year prohibition on former government employees and officials.

The Office of the Public Auditor, in its website page on post-employment restrictions, states in part that former officials and employees "shall not for one year after public employment or office assist or represent anyone in a business transaction involving the Commonwealth if they participated personally and substantially in it while in office or employment."

But Jural Group's president, former DPS commissioner Clyde Norita, left DPS in 2008, which was over a year after the proposed sole-source contracts for Jural Group were offered.

Other Jural Group officials or employees left DPS much earlier than Norita, who originally retired from government in 2002. Years later, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial asked him to become a DPS commissioner in 2008.

The one-year post-employment restriction, however, did not deter the government from awarding a sole-source contract to Michael Ada's Integrated Professional Solutions LLC only days after he resigned as Commerce secretary and as American Recovery and Reinvestment Act state point of contact, a source said. Ada was hired to do basically the same thing he was doing when he was still with the government.

Moreover, Jural Group has other contracts with DPS, including one related to seatbelt surveys, but this was through competitive bidding.

In Sablan's letter, he said a determination of awards of contracts for both the boating safety and driver's license security programs "will be made after the ITB/RFP opened and evaluation is conducted."

"Since time is of the essence to oblige and expend the funds, I will allow DPS to shorten the publication of the ITB or RFP to 20 calendar days," Sablan told DPS.

# 65 seniors take part in chamber workshop

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Keanna Villagomez, a 17-year-old senior at Kagman High School, didn't think she would need a lot more than what she already knew when it comes to applying for a college scholarship or preparing for a job interview.

"After high school, I will be taking some classes at Northern Marianas College and at the same time get a part-time job. I need as much help and preparation as I can," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

Just like the other 64 or so students at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe from Saturday morning to early afternoon, Villagomez said she's glad she made the time to attend the Saipan Chamber of Commerce's workshop for graduating high school seniors from private and public schools.

The workshop's goal was to help prepare high school graduates for college, military service, or employment whether in the CNMI or off-island.

Saturday's workshop was conducted and attended by Chamber members and officers, including Atty. Vince Seman, Jim Arenovski, Jay Santos, education committee chair Kanae Quinn, executive director Richard Pierce,

and his predecessor Kyle Cababrese. Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan also stopped by the workshop venue.

The workshop covered five major topics. They included looking at options after high school, personal budgeting, resume-writing and preparing for interviews, balancing work and family expectations, and communication skills for success.

Bal Eum Hong, 19, from Marianas Baptist Academy, said their principal encouraged them to attend the Chamber workshop, which he found to be "very important."

"For example, I didn't know that I should be aware of my strengths and weaknesses in preparing for an interview. I didn't think it's a big deal before, but now I know it is," he said.

Jermaine Perez, 17, of Calvary Christian Academy, said by attending the workshop, she realized that "growing up actually takes a lot more time and preparation."

Perez said after high school, she plans to study journalism at Bob Jones University in South Carolina.

Joshua Roberto, 18, of Saipan Southern High School, said he learned a lot from the workshop, especially on the issue of balancing one's budget.

"It's important to know how

to balance your personal budget if you want to succeed," he said.

For Chamber members and officers, volunteering a few hours of their time to help prepare the CNMI's youth was a way for them to give back to the community and to help students succeed in their chosen endeavors after high school—whether it be college life, joining the military, or a job in the private or public sector.

"I want every kid to have the opportunity to get the job that they want, or (succeed in) the application to the school that they choose, or pass the interview for scholarship... So if I can help them be successful, then that's great. That makes the CNMI a better place. It's all about giving back. What's a couple of hours out of my year to do this? It's a good value," said Chamber's Jim Arenovski.

It was during Arenovski's first term as Chamber president when the annual workshop for graduating high school students started.

At the time, federalization was a major issue. For the private sector to help prepare the CNMI's youth, the annual Chamber workshop was born.

Arenovski, who is also the president of Delta Management Corp. which operates

some of the Shell service stations on Saipan, gave students on Saturday a roundup of things to consider when writing resumes and preparing for and showing up at job interviews.

At least 65 students from private and public high schools registered for the Chamber workshop.

They included those from Marianas High School, Kag-

man High School, Saipan Southern High School, Grace Christian Academy, Marianas Baptist Academy, and Calvary Christian Academy.

The Chamber also reminded interested college-bound students of the Chamber's annual scholarship awards for those needing financial assistance.

The scholarships are awarded by virtue of academic ex-

cellence, extracurricular success, leadership force, and service learning.

The chamber awards five \$2,000 scholarships through its Educational Scholarship Fund. The deadline for submission of applications is on Friday, May 6. For more information about the scholarship, call the Chamber office at 233-7150.

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
**WATER TASK FORCE**  
**RFP11-GOV-077**

**Leak Detection and Repairs – Phase 4**

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the CNMI Water Task Force, are soliciting sealed Proposals from qualified consulting and/or construction firms for the field survey, identification, and repair of water system deficiencies in the Garapan Tourist Center, Garapan and surrounding areas. The selected firm(s) shall use specialized leak detection methods in conjunction with on call construction services and information from the recently completed Lower MIHA and Chalan Kanoa/Susupe Leak Detection and Repair Contracts on the Island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project Scope of Work will be available at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, on or after **May 2, 2011**.

All questions concerning this proposal shall be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 pm, **May 13, 2011** to Pedro Sasamoto, WTF Program Manager (facsimile) number (670) 664-2279.

This project is funded by a grant from the Economic Development Administration (EDA), Department of Commerce and the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), Department of the Interior. The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the project approval from EDA and OIA.

The proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations. Preference is not available to local proposers in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funds for this project.

Four (4) copies plus one original of the sealed Proposals must be submitted to the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, MP 96950 no later than **2:00 p.m. (CNMI local time), on June 1, 2011**.

Proposals must be sealed and marked **"Leak Detection and Repairs – Phase 4, RFP11-GOV-077"**. For proposers within the CNMI, one (1) original and four (4) copies of sealed proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than **2:00 p.m. (CNMI local time), on June 1, 2011**. Proposers located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a **Notice of Intent to Propose**. Notices of Intent to Propose must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than **2:00 p.m. (CNMI local time), on June 1, 2011**, and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515 or email procurement@pticom.com. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and four (4) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **June 1, 2011 AND** must be received no later than **June 10, 2011**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

The CNMI reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if to do so shall be in the best interests of the CNMI. All Proposals shall become the exclusive property of the CNMI government.

/s/ Benigno R. Fitial  
Governor, CNMI

/s/ Herman S. Sablan  
Director, Procurement & Supply

## Hundreds flock to SAFE Jamboree

By CLARISSA V. DAVID  
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REPORTER

The unpredictable weather over the weekend did not prevent hundreds of community members to participate in the first ever Safe, Aware, Free, Empower or SAFE Jamboree held at the Koblerville Youth Learning Center and Basketball Court last April 30.

The SAFE Jamboree, which culminated the Sexual Assault Awareness Month celebration, is one of the biggest events hosted by the Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence in collaboration with various service providers, partner agencies, and organizations.

The event started with the Walk Against Sexual Violence led by the Matua Riders and featured various information booths such as the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library Book Mobile, Division of Youth Services, Family Violence Task Force, and the Saipan Lions Club.

Cora Balita, Saipan Marianas Lions Club director, said their organization supports any community event that promotes a good cause such as sexual assault awareness.

"Events like the SAFE Jamboree help us become alert about the issue of sexual assault in the islands," she told *Saipan Tribune*, adding that their participation is an indication of their motto which is to serve the community.

The inaugural jamboree was



CLARISSA V. DAVID  
Donning in their "Give Respect" shirts, the Babauta family pose for the *Saipan Tribune* during the Safe, Aware, Free, Empower or SAFE Jamboree at the Koblerville Youth Center and Basketball Court last Saturday.



CLARISSA V. DAVID  
Members and volunteers of the Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence and the Sexual Assault Awareness Month Committee smile for the camera during the Safe, Aware, Free, Empower or SAFE Jamboree at the Koblerville Youth Center and Basketball Court on April 30.

also highlighted by a FIBA 3-on-3 basketball competition and the Rock Against Sexual Violence Concert featuring performances from the Saipan Southern High School's Manta Ray Band, Island Warriors, Ele-

na Sutton, Isla Wahines, Saipan Awaodori Team, Sole' Dees, Inatua Cultural Dance Group, KES Umang Glee Club, and Jay Taman.

A raffle draw, which was held starting at 6pm, gave away ex-

citing prizes, including the baby grand prize of \$300 and grand prize of \$500.

The event was a big family event as it also featured various food and merchandise vendors as well as activity booths for the children such as face painting, a giant inflatable slide and jumper.

"I brought my two daughters so they can be entertained and have fun," said Nely Soribel of Susupe.

Esmeralda Babauta, who attended the event with her husband Darsim Babauta, their four children, and other family members, said the event does not only bring fun to the participants but also sends a vital message to the community.

"Stop abusing kids and common-law partners," said Babauta. "It's also very important that they come out if they are victims."

Neda B. Camacho,

## 'Honor man'amko and those who help them'

By CLARISSA V. DAVID  
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REPORTER

In honor of Older Americans Month this May, Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos called on the public to take time to honor older adults and professionals as well as family members and volunteers that care for them.

"Our recognition of older Americans and their involvement in our lives can help us achieve stronger and more meaningful connections with each other and enrich our community's quality of life," Inos said in the proclamation he signed at the Aging Center on Friday.

The CNMI currently has 4,766 older adults who are "the roots from which our community grows, who bestow gifts of wisdom and insight upon younger generations, and strengthen the bonds between neighbors to create a better place to live."

Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Secretary Melvin Faisao, deputy secretary Rhonda Nogis, Aging

director Rose Mondala, and some 60 congregates at the Aging Center witnessed the proclamation signing.

The proclamation was read in English, Chamorro, and Carolinian versions by Christiana Michael, Rita Reyes, and Meryalen Conrad, respectively.

Inos, who also signed last year's proclamation, asked the crowd to take a moment of silence to remember the *man'amko* who have passed away this year.

"It's always nice to visit this facility. I see that this is where you spend your prime time with your fellow citizens," said Inos.

The lieutenant governor applauded the *man'amko* for spending their time at the center in the face of all the challenges and issues that the government has to deal with.

"I want to see more of our *man'amko* share their remaining time with us," added Inos.

In his remarks, Faisao also thanked all the *man'amko* for their guidance and all the information they have shared from

NMCADSV board chair, said she and the entire SAAM committee were overwhelmed by the number of people who are in support of the fight to end sexual violence and they hope to do the event annually.

"Our goal is for the community to come together to speak out against domestic violence and sexual assault. The more everyone gets involved, the bigger the event is going to get," she said.

Neda B. Camacho,

## Programs and activities

The theme for this year's Older Americans Month is "Connecting the Community."

"We are involving the community in our month-long activities to celebrate this occasion," Teresita Sorroza, Saipan Seniors Advisory Council chairperson, told *Saipan Tribune*.

These activities include the "Voices of Angels" Karaoke Contest, Man'amko Take Over Day, Ground Golf Tournament with visiting *man'amko*, a talent show, Aging Conference, and the King & Queen Coronation Ball.

"We want the community to come and see what we can still showcase even though we're already in the winter of our lives," she added.

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# Friends of Marpi open to discussions with govt to resolve lawsuit

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE  
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REPORTER

The Friends of Marpi is open to discussions with the Office of the Attorney General to resolve and avoid further court hearings in the lawsuit over the installation of power poles in Marpi.

Assistant Attorney General Gilbert Birnbirch, counsel for the CNMI government and co-defendants in the lawsuit, said they are also open to talks but

only after the court issues a ruling in the case.

After the testimonies of Friends of Marpi's two witnesses—former House representative Christina Sablan and Suzy Kindle—Superior Court associate judge Kenneth L. Govendo on Friday asked the parties whether there has been any attempt to resolve the matter since the jurisdiction issue of the case is over.

Attorney David G. Banes,

counsel for Friends of Marpi and co-plaintiffs, stated that they approached the OAG four to five times in resolving the matter.

Banes stressed that they are open to discussions.

Asked by Govendo about the OAG's position, Birnbirch said they want to wait for the court's decision in the plaintiffs' complaint for injunction.

Birnbirch said after the court's ruling, they are open to

discussions.

Govendo continued the evidentiary hearing for today, Monday, at 9am. The judge said he would review a lot of materials that the parties filed in court.

Govendo ordered that the temporary restraining order that he issued on April 19, 2011 shall remain. The TRO momentarily stopped the CNMI government from installing more power poles until the evidentiary hearing is completed.

## Airline Mileage Drive raises 542K miles for Make-A-Wish

By CLARISSA V. DAVID  
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REPORTER

Hard Rock Café Saipan has already collected as of Saturday some 542,000 Continental Airline miles through its Airline Mileage Drive which was launched on April 29.

A collaboration between Hard Rock Café Saipan and Guam and Make-A-Wish Foundation of Guam, the Airline Mileage Drive aims to gather airline miles donated by community members to be used to grant the wishes of three children this summer in celebration of World Wish Day last Friday.

Reynaldo Perez, operations manager for Hard Rock Café Saipan, said their target is to collect 720,000 miles to cover the three children and their respective families.

Perez said the three wishes involve a trip to Disneyland, a meeting with famous wrestler John Cena, and a visit to Home TV Shopping station.

"We will have the Airline Mileage Drive until such time we collect our target number of miles," he said.

Perez added that mileage donors can enjoy a 20-percent discount in their new menu.

Friday's launch was attended



CLARISSA V. DAVID

Hard Rock Café Saipan staff join community partners after the launch of the Airline Mileage Drive to benefit the travel wishes of three children in celebration of World Wish Day on April 29.

by representatives of Make-A-Wish Foundation as well as sponsors and partners like National Alamo Car Rental and IP&E.

Desirae Herrera, board member of Make-A-Wish Foundation CNMI which is under the

Guam Chapter, said Continental Airlines will waive any fee in donating the miles.

According to Herrera, the minimum number of miles to be donated is 2,000, with a maximum donation of 16,000. Should anybody want to donate more, Herrera said they can do so but will have to undergo a different process.

"Hopefully, we'll reach our goal. We thank Hard Rock for their efforts in putting this all together," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

Whatever remaining miles will be used by Make-A-Wish Foundation for another family, said Herrera.

The launching, which was held simultaneously at Hard Rock Café Saipan and Guam, featured a performance of "Lean on Me" from Hard Rock's regu-

lar crooner Jerry Alcantara and power point presentations of Make-A-Wish Foundation as well as Hard Rock's Limited Edition Signature Series.

The Signature Series: Edition 28 features the original "Peace Love" artwork of legendary rocker Ringo Starr in a black shirt that costs \$28.

Perez said 15 percent of their Ringo Starr Signature Series sales will be donated to Starr's charity, The Lotus Foundation to directly benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

The Lotus Foundation aims to fund, support, participate in and promote charitable projects aimed at advancing social welfare in diverse areas.

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A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at 9:00 a.m. on April 26, 2011, at the NMHC Office, Garapan, Saipan.

/s/  
Marcie M. Tomokane  
Board Chairwoman & Contracting Officer

/s/  
Herman S. Sablan, Director  
Division of Procurement & Supply

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**RFP11-DEQ-055**

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/s/ FRANK M. RABAULIMAN  
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/s/ HERMAN S. SABLON  
DIRECTOR, PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY

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**CNMI GOVERNMENT**  
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# Flashback

## A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

May 2, 2000

### Chinese businessmen eye casino on Tinian

Two hotel casino companies based in Taiwan and the People's Republic of China have expressed interest in investing on the island-municipality of Tinian, according to Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission Chair Martin DLG San Nicolas. Representatives of Sky Hawk Casino & Hotel from Taiwan and Pacific Casino & Hotel from mainland China will be arriving this month to discuss the possibility of establishing businesses here. Mr. San Nicolas said he has met with some executives of Sky Hawk during a recent visit to Taipei with local Tinian officials.

### PSS hires technology coordinator

Beefing up efforts to create a more technologically-literate staff, the Public School System now has on board its official technology coordinator mainly taking on tasks of providing technical staff training and ensuring that PSS's existing computer networks continue running. Formerly Guam-based, Mark Savares is the first "real" technology coordinator PSS has had the privilege of hiring, according to CNMI's e-rate coordinator Nic Sablan. Eventually, Mr. Savares will be taking over Mr. Sablan's current role as CNMI's e-rate application coordinator. "In the meantime, I'll still be the e-rate coordinator but slowly I will be transferring the job over to him," said Mr. Sablan.

May 2, 2001

### DPH brings NMI's diabetes problems to WHO meeting

Joining 37 other countries on their fight against diabetes, CNMI public health officials will leave Monday to participate in a meeting with the World Health Organization in Manila. Health Secretary Kevin Villagomez and his team will attend the WHO diabetes program in hopes to keep the CNMI updated with programs relating to the prevention and treatment of obesity-related diseases like heart problems and diabetes. Mr. Villagomez said WHO recently sounded the alarm on the consistently increasing cases of diabetes in the Western Pacific Region, including the Northern Marianas. Mr. Villagomez is upbeat the Commonwealth will derive fresh information on treatment and prevention, which will be presented during the meeting by health experts from Australia, other Asian and Pacific nations, and the WHO Regional Office in Manila.

### Higher sanitation standards set

Members of the House of Representatives yesterday lauded efforts by the Tenorio Administration to protect the environment by signing into law a proposal that will update the Commonwealth's health and sanitation regulations. Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio last week paved the road for the implementation of the Commonwealth Environmental Health and Sanitation Act of 2000. Rep. David Apatang said the new law, previously known as HB 12-57, allows the administration and the legislature to step up environmental programs that will ensure a healthy, safe and clean community.

May 2, 2002

### CNMI Treasury rejecting BoS checks

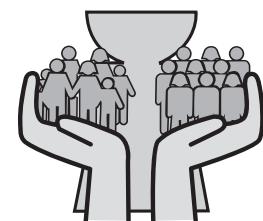
As depositors of the Bank of Saipan panicked to withdraw their deposits from the bank, the CNMI Treasury has issued a public notice advising the public that it is no longer accepting BoS checks, while some depositors continue using their drafts to tender payment to the government. Twenty-seven-year-old Jessica Castro, who was stationed at the CNMI Treasury office at the Department of Labor and Immigration, said there were some who wanted to tender BoS checks as payment, even when the office has started rejecting the use of these drafts since Tuesday. "There were some who actually asked," she said. "I deny it." A public notice was posted nearby, which reads: "Effective immediately, [the] CNMI Treasury will not be accepting checks drawn out [from] Bank of Saipan."

### Debate looms over Compact issue

Putting his money where his mouth is, Senate Vice President David M. Cing has asked Senate President Paul A. Manglona to schedule a special session where he could debate with Senate Minority Leader Pete P. Reyes on the issue of Compact Impact funds, and why Tinian has as much right to the funds as Saipan. "I am this serious on that debate because I want the people of the entire Commonwealth to understand my situation coming from Tinian, the history of our present status as a Commonwealth, and the important role that Tinian played when we became a Commonwealth," said Cing.



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# PROJECT BRABU

## *Public Service Announcement - Availability of Federal Funds*

The Department of Public Health Community Guidance Center (CGC) Prevention Unit - Project Brabu is pleased to announce the availability of federal funds, through the Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG) for eligible communities in the CNMI to apply. This project is funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

**Details of the grant and funds available are listed below.**

**I. Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG): FY2010 \$400,000**

The planning and implementation of this grant award will focus on four primary goals:

- 1.) Build Prevention Capacity and Infrastructure in the CNMI
- 2.) Prevent the Initiation of and Reduce Substance Abuse, Including Childhood and Underage Drinking
- 3.) Reduce Substance Abuse-related Problems
- 4.) Evaluate All Activities

The SPF SIG provides awarded communities with the opportunity to build and/or strengthen an effective and sustainable evidence-based prevention program that is responsive to the needs of the CNMI community. Community programs are required to implement evidence-based prevention programs focused on the following priorities that have been determined by Project Brabu and the State Epidemiological Workgroup (SEW):

- 1) Underage Drinking, and/or
- 2) Drinking and Driving

This grant award requires a **Strategic Prevention Framework** to help guide communities toward successful program management process following the five steps below:

- 1) Assessment: Accurately assess community problems, assets, and resources;
- 2) Capacity: Describe current capacity and/or plans to build capacity;
- 3) Planning: Develop a comprehensive Strategic Plan;
- 4) Implement: Identify the evidence-based program, policy or practice to be implemented;
- 5) Evaluate: Process and impact evaluation through monitoring and documentation of program implementation.

Under the SPF SIG, the assigned percentages are reflected for interested community prevention program applicants:

**Approximately 50% of allotted funding to Innovative Programs/Projects**  
**Approximately 30% of allotted funding to Education and Outreach Programs**  
**Approximately 20% of allotted funding to Cultural and/or Faith-based Programs**

The Project Brabu Advisory Council will make the final determination on applications to be awarded based on a point system. The grant application guidelines detail the information required and the points under each of the sections.

**All completed applications must be submitted to the CGC Project Brabu's office on Saipan and the CGC Substance Abuse Prevention offices (Rota and Tinian) no later than 3:30 p.m. on Friday, May 20, 2011.**

Sub-Grant Application forms and guidelines may be obtained at the Project Brabu Office at the Gualo Rai Center, 3rd floor, Suite #304 (Saipan) or the CGC Substance Abuse Prevention offices on Rota and Tinian. Also, the application form and guidelines are available on the CGC website at [www.cgcspn.net](http://www.cgcspn.net). For more information, please contact Mr. James Arriola at 323-6571/72 or [jamesharriola@gmail.com](mailto:jamesharriola@gmail.com) (Saipan); Mr. Keith Nabors, Prevention Coordinator (Tinian) at 433-6572 or [tiniantyphoon@hotmail.com](mailto:tiniantyphoon@hotmail.com) ; or Ms. Avery Hocog, Prevention Coordinator (Rota) at 532-6572 or [avery\\_hocog@yahoo.com](mailto:avery_hocog@yahoo.com).

Pre application workshops are scheduled as follows: (9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.)

- May 4 (Tinian), Tinian Mayor's Office
- May 5 (Saipan), Project Brabu Office, Gualo Rai Building, 3rd Floor Suite 304
- May 6 (Rota), Rota NMC Campus

Please register for these workshops by calling the noted contact coordinators on each island.

These workshops will provide on-site technical assistance in discussing the Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) 5-step process, the sub grant components and requirements. The workshops are available to interested community members/agencies and are free of charge.

/s/ Mr. Jerome Jerome  
Chairman, Advisory Council

/s/ Ms. Josephine Sablan  
Director, CGC and Project Brabu

# Opinion

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### Lost in Libya

What's happening in Libya? When we last checked in, President Obama had said that the United States would participate in the U.N.-sponsored no-fly zone but that this was not—repeat not—a war to oust Moammar Kadafi. Rather, the narrow purpose of the operation was to avert humanitarian disaster. He acknowledged that he would like to see Kadafi go, but said that under no circumstances would ground troops be sent in to make that happen. Instead, the U.S. would use nonmilitary means to hasten the strongman's departure. The president tied it all up in a neat package and made it sound promising and uplifting, like a victory for morality, for democracy, for innocent civilians at risk and for the whole idea of limited humanitarian intervention.

But now, several weeks later, that neat package is coming undone. The war rages on. The rebels, disorganized and underequipped, are neither winning nor losing; Kadafi is neither firmly entrenched nor on his way out, as far as anyone knows. NATO, its members still squabbling among themselves, has no formal mandate to oust the Libyan leader but is unwilling to walk away either. Hundreds have died, while the diplomatic and economic squeeze has so far proved unsuccessful. In this frustrating situation, unsurprisingly, there's a natural tendency toward "mission creep," as the U.S. and other NATO nations try to figure out how to break the stalemate. Britain, France and Italy say they will send military advisors to help the rebels (in a move that can't help but remind Americans of the gradual start of the Vietnam War). On Thursday, Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates said that Obama had authorized the deployment of armed Predator drones to target Kadafi's forces, deepening the United States' role in a conflict that increasingly seems to be about more than protecting civilians.

What a mess. And not a totally unfamiliar one. Proponents of stronger action against Kadafi say the problem is that the United States is not fully committed, that it is half-in and half-out, unwilling to risk dollars or lives to achieve its aims. There's some truth to that analysis. As Richard N. Haass, the president of the Council on Foreign Relations (and not a supporter of stronger action), has noted, there's a gap between the ambitious goal of ousting Kadafi and the tremendous limits the U.S. has put on the means.

For our part, we'd rather see the ambitions narrowed than the means expanded. We don't see the upside in getting more deeply involved in a third distant war on behalf of rebels we know little about, even against the repugnant Kadafi government. The United States not only doesn't have any vital national security interests at stake, but it already has 100,000 troops on the ground in Afghanistan, 50,000 in Iraq and 18,000 more assisting Japan after the earthquake and tsunami. The U.S. and the international community have an important role to play in protecting populations from humanitarian crisis or genocide, but no one has proved that Libya is an especially compelling example of either, distinguishable from all the other tragic cases of brutality and war around the world. If there was intelligence evidence of the "violence on a horrific scale" that Obama warned of, what was it? The United States can't possibly fight all the dictators who raise weapons against their own people, no matter how much it might wish to.

Where do we go from here? Certainly the United States should continue its diplomatic efforts, economic sanctions and nonlethal aid; by all means, ratchet up the pressure on Kadafi. But whether those tactics will succeed in forcing him out is unclear. Maybe he'll decide to cut his losses and conclude that resettling in some out-of-the-way capital and living off whatever he can salvage of his stolen millions is a better option than going down with the ship.

But even if he doesn't, it's time for the Obama administration to begin recalibrating its objectives. It's time to think about brokering a cease-fire, a negotiated solution that includes protections for the rebels and civilians. Perhaps this will mean a de facto division of the country. Perhaps some democratic reforms can be negotiated. Those steps can be taken even as the world continues its nonmilitary efforts to urge Kadafi out.

The United States is fighting two other wars at the moment, both of which have proved long and frustrating, and there's little appetite for a third. American resources are limited, and a compelling case has not been made. Let's not get sucked in any further.



### Advice for Kate from one who was close to Diana

The wedding will be the easy part. Or so says Princess Diana's former chief adviser.

During a stop in Philadelphia last week, Patrick Jephson told me that barring something untoward from a security standpoint, the wedding would be all that royal watchers are hoping for.

"The Brits can do these big events," he told me. "The people—I know them—who run these things are all about military efficiency where this is concerned."

What comes next is the question.

"From (Friday) onward, the monarchy will look different," he said. "It will sound different. It could be 30 years before we have King William and Queen Catherine. That is rather sobering. What are they going to do for the next 30 years? How can they capture this atmosphere and make it last?"

In the late 1980s, Jephson was serving in the Navy when a senior officer asked to put his name forward to serve as Diana's military aide. Jephson was flattered but dubious as to his prospects. Even when invited to an interview and luncheon with the princess at Kensington Palace, he thought that at most it would one day be fodder for conversation with his grandchildren.

Instead it was the beginning of an eight-year stint as private secretary (chief of staff) to the Princess of Wales. Friday morning he's in London, serving as NBC's royal wedding commentator.

But last week, he was in Philadelphia at a fund-raiser for Studio Incamminati, a not-for-profit art school founded by Leona and Nelson Shanks. Nelson was commissioned to paint an official portrait of Diana, which was hung in Kensington Palace. The event also featured Oliver St. Clair Franklin, honorary consul for the United Kingdom.

When I asked Jephson what advice he'd give to Kate Middleton, he noted that Diana was barely in her 20s when she married Prince Charles. Middleton is almost a decade older. He thinks that might play to Kate's benefit.

Diana, he said, spent her 20s on the world stage, establishing herself as a supporter of a wide variety of charitable endeavors.

"Kate has used the equivalent period to establish her relationship with Prince William," Jephson said. "It may well be for the future health of the institution of the monarchy that the eight years she has spent forming this relationship, consolidating it, proving it, often in the face of some quite unkind criticism in British press, might turn out to be as valuable as anything Diana did."

Jephson believes that Kate will need to work hard on her marriage, establish a reputation for consistent public work, avoid con-

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spicuous self-indulgence, and play straight with the media.

"Like Diana and Charles, this young couple will also carry a burden of hope, but it is tempered with experience and a new sense of realism," he said.

He recently asked his 18-year-old daughter what the royal wedding meant to her and was heartened to hear her say, "Daddy, it is a wedding first and a royal event second."

"That is the voice of the William-and-Kate generation, a return to the things that matter," Jephson said.

Jephson sees this marriage as crucial to the future of the British crown. And in order for Kate to survive her new duties in the House of Windsor, he advises her to "get the rest of the family involved."

"If this dynasty is to survive," he said, "it must adapt to the expectation and dreams and ambitions and hopes of Catherine Middleton."

Does she need a project?

"She needs only two things: the uncritical support of her husband, a husband who can take delight in her successes and not regard them as mortal competition, and she needs to find a role which provides her with job satisfaction not for a week, month, or year, but forever."

"And by doing that she will be happy and perceived as fulfilling a useful role and nice things will be written about her."

Consul Oliver Franklin echoed those sentiments.

"I would advise her to be herself and continue to do what she is doing because the Brits are very impressed that a member of the royal family is marrying a commoner," Franklin said. "She is an extraordinary woman from a wonderful family, but they are not aristocrats and that is very important for survival of the monarchy."

One final word to the wise from Jephson: The sooner Prince William realizes he cannot control the media, the better it will be for both him and Kate.

"By adapting spin doctors' tricks of the trade, some branches of Windsor family have entered into a Faustian pact with the media that they cannot ever expect to control and (I) will be interested to see if that has registered with William."

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## Worker Joe and nanny Lucy

We grew up in the Reformation tradition so we speak in familiar tones on the communion of saints rather than the honorific familial sense that the Christian liturgy accords its exemplars. But having lived behind Oleai's San Jose parish church on Saipan, and timed our occasional foray into Tinian to be momentarily and graciously hosted by former CNMI Ms. Universe Janet Han King, we've earned enough familiarity with the often sidestepped father of Jesus that we will be forgiven our casual identification of him to the common Joe (and Lucy) among our workers.

May 1 was decreed St. Joseph Day by Pope Pius XII to counter May Day in the socialist world, but the religious Mass is non-obligatory and is moved when an obligation comes to fore. Such was the case yesterday when octave Sunday (eight day after Easter) usually referred to as Low Sunday (as opposed to High Sunday of Easter), fell on May 1. Better known as Quasimodo Sunday for the first line of the Latin Mass from which Victor Hugo named his main character to his popular *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, the child who was abandoned on the steps of the Cathedral on the first Sunday after the celebration of the empty tomb, it edged worker Joe's memory to May 2.

In our social involvement on Saipan, we had a particular niche in our professional attention on the nanny and farmer workers who were exempted from coverage in Labor's minimum wage regulation. A highly discriminatory occurrence, which tellingly did not bother the local population that made their employ, we became familiar with the callous, exploitative and alas, often abusive way this segment of the labor force was constantly subjected to.

My first appearance in 1999 at Labor in an alleged mistreatment by an employer on a parishioner resulted in my being booted out of the hearing room because I was not a lawyer. I wanted to argue that I knew enough about Canon law to qualify but I

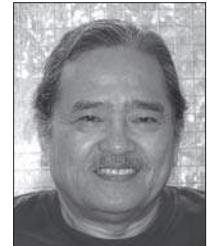
held my tongue, however, the thought lingered and I check the rules. It allowed a member of the Clergy to accompany a parishioner. You guess it, I resuscitated the old clerical collar and I never had any problem walking into Labor or any government office in a professional attire ever since. Also learned that bureaucratic arrogance can be mitigated quickly by being a person of the cloth!

Worker friendly China, of course, have the utilitarian political cadre but not much of the fellowship of the sages, and in the aftermath of Deng Xiao Peng's quiet economic turn towards free markets, the ascendancy of those familiar with the machinations of the financial market and the speculative nature of the stock market, particularly real estate, has left the ordinary goods and services worker biting the dust. That's quite literally true here in Dong Bei, particularly the maintenance personnel and the street cleaners who are recipients of China's New Deal-like policy on public works; inhaling the dust comes as daily preoccupation.

The street cleaners also dispose of the contents of trashcans; they sort out the trash recyclables (metal and plastic) which earn them a few more Renminbi from the recycling trucks that come on a regular basis. One worker has the "misfortune" of having two kids in one-child-policy China so he does not get much break on the second child as he gets on the first; he has to earn additional income to send them both to college. As a street cleaner, he would be lucky to earn \$150 a month!

This would not be so noticeable were it not the fact that China remains as the only sustainable market for the luxury cars and my street cleaner stands in the same economic platform as the five persons who purchased all the Aston Martin million dollar cars at the Shanghai auto show last week, even before the doors opened. Of course, if your name were William and Kate heading for Buckingham Palace, you might be forgiven a top down Vintage 8 Aston

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Martin, but there certainly is a wide disparity between the street cleaner in front of my building and the denizens of the new palatial homes across the Bund in Podong and the nouveau riche of China's ten top cities!

In the '80s, we drooled over Jaguar's XK6/12 series though we never got close to a model let alone drive one; the field has expanded noticing a Lexus LFA and Nissan GT-R in Saipan, but the new superhighways of China are going to see Bugatti and Ferrari, Lamborghini with Bizzarrini, Ducati and Pagani. Porsche and Benz, the Jag and Aston Martin, even the McLaren, are already common sights at InterContinents. (Am no sports car buff, but I do know how to peruse a spoke/alloy wheel mag!)

Which gets us back to worker Joe and Lucy, the unheralded runners of the world's chariots of fire. Scarcity is not the economic contradiction as Thomas Malthus and the industrial civilization has made us believe for the last 200 years; distributive justice is. The issue in the Middle East is not whether the revolts are supported by Al Qaeda; it is whether the heretofore 15 percent oligarchic lords of wealth continue to have a stranglehold on the common purse of the remaining 85 percent.

For distributive justice, for the workers in Saipan, I am lighting a St. Joseph candle today.

## Asuntun Areglu

T a appueba Inakonfotman I Covenant (Covenant Agreement) 78.8 pot siento gi kase 1974 na sakan. Inaprueba este na inakonfotma ni Congresson Estados Unidos de America gi 1975. Makondukta huntan delegadu siha (constitutional convention) 'nai matuge' i konstitusision iya Marianas gi mismu sakan. Matutuhon i nuebu na gobietnamentu gi 1978.

Iya hululu' na prinsipi gi papa' este na kontrata i para u guaha parehu yan motmut justisiau na tratamientu gi todus siudadanu taimanu maprebeniye gi orihinat na dokumentu (US Constitution). Huñgan, komprendiyan i ti kumomprende este na prinsipi lau ni taimanu ti siña ta letke sa' responsablidatta kumetuñgu hafa sustan-sian i prijmera dokumentu.

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### Suspichosu Na Esperansa

Mampos megai tililaika (entre mauleg yan dañosu) gi mapos na 33 años. Gi karera mona megai besis lokue na hita mismu umatista i dañu sa' ta sotta i asuntu gi kaprichoña.

Antes bula guihan gi halom rubentasion. Pagu kanaha' ni pegi' ti un' soda' gi hagas sagaña. Esta fahalañg para ta rikohe i talaya pot para ta bisita i kuderu para tafan e-suette tiau, faya, aguas, yan otru siha guihan sanhalom. Guseña buente na bai' agraderu talayahu ya bai'n adispatta na dos petmanente.

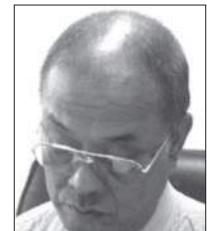
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Yanigun guaha umabusa este na areglo, pues umana' guaha kastigosa' i intension i para fiestan linahyan gi benifisiosu na manera. Usos petsonat debi umalimitte gi dias libra.

Mampos man-hahosguan hit na tautague ya megai besis na hita mismu umisaguen maisa hit sin prisu. 'Nai bibu makinata sa' bula salape' un' tiempu, tatnai mattu gi hinasota na guaha gi otru bandan ridondun bente siñku sientimos otru patte ni ti talilie'. Tatnai mattu satton na inadahe gi fiñkasta sa' bula koble yan gupot estake togpuñg.

Duru i gipot, dandan, boka yan maneska. Gi sigiente ogaan, sige man-afaisen i familia hafa soblanten i mas ke 14 na putahen neñkano ni maplanta gi pañige. Ni unu tumuñgu' sa' man-achacha bu-

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lachu todus gi pisun baila. Dispues 'nai marepara na ni fiñkas taya' gihe na ogaan. Todu sientimos man-marikohe ya makeke tuñgu tumaimanu i gastu sa' hokog chiguan gi kaha.

Afañielos: Gi finu mañainata, i tautau munana' sañge 'nai abundansia ti 'nai finagchae' esta kosus i pottanmonedan familia. Pagu mas na tiempu 'nai mauleg u guaha satton na inadahe.

Deste tiempun Espanol man-malulog hit finanaguen kilisyano. Tat ti umeyag nu ennau siha na finana'gue ni umestablese mas pas yan inafamauleg gi entalo' natibu.

Maseha mamoble hit, motmut gineftau gineng i korasonta para ayu na prohimita i numesessita ayudu. Ta baba korasonta sin ditension. Tanae' ayudu i numesessita.

Mauleg na maña este gi kustumbren tanu. Magahet na hana' bandidodosuyu este na kustumbretu sa' geftau i natibu gi man-chatsaga siha na mañeluta, Chamorro 'sino hayegue'.

## Letter to the Editor

### Is your child receiving the best possible education?

I watched a documentary called, *Waiting For Superman*, which revealed the flaws in American public education, and suggested possible solutions for better educational reform.

I have mixed views on their approach toward addressing the failing school system, however, I agree on their stance on awarding qualified teachers, and dismissing less qualified ones. What constitutes as qualified and unqualified teachers can be subjective; however, it is very easy to spot a good teacher from a bad one. A good teacher is able or qualified to produce students who are above their grade level in academic performances, while bad teachers delay a student's ability to exceed or meet

academic standards.

I agree that bad teachers are not the only reason for poor student performances; however, quality teachers make a big difference. With that in mind, I am curious to know how many of the CNMIs public high school graduates take the SAT, and how do their scores compare at a national level?

Also, which schools graduate more students that have sufficient credits and grades to enter a four year university? To the students of the CNMI: Have you encountered a teacher who has shown commitment toward your success at achieving quality education, and can you think of teachers who have robbed you

from learning?

To the teachers and staff: how can you assure that all the students, I emphasize that all the students, that you pass are qualified to enter the next course level? To the people of the CNMI, what can you do to assure that your child is receiving quality education and is not just being passed to the next level unprepared? To the politicians, what else can you do to award these qualified students who will be or are attending these universities?

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Office of the Executive Director



**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
**CUC-RFP-11-020**

**LEASE OF OFFICE SPACE**

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from firms for the lease of office spaces for CUC's Administration and Operation in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The specification may be picked-up at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

**One (1) original and Six (6) copies** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-RFP-11-020, Lease of Office Space CUC's Administration and Operation"** to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM, (CST) local time on **May 19, 2011**. Late submission will not be considered.

The proposed office space must conform to American Disabilities Act (ADA), OSHA and CNMI Zoning requirements.

Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) local time on **May 9, 2011** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Purchasing Officer via email msablan@cucgov.net; Mr. Charles Warren, Chief Financial Officer via email charles\_warren@cucgov.net and Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email mika\_muna@cucgov.net. CUC will respond to questions and clarifications, only to prospective Offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
**CUC-RFP-11-025**

**LEASE OF OFFICE SPACE FOR POWER DIVISION, SAIPAN**

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from firms for the lease of office spaces for CUC's Power Division, Transmission & Distribution Section in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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**INVITATION FOR BID**  
**CUC-IFB-11-033**

**CONSTRUCTION OF PRE-FABRICATED WAREHOUSE BUILDING**

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified and experienced construction firms for the construction of CUC Pre- Supplied Building in Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The general work requirement includes the construction of foundation and assembly of pre-supplied/fabricated metal building structure.

The Bid Package and Scope-of-Work may be picked-up, upon receipt of a deposit from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of \$ 200.00 for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

**One (1) original and Six (6) copies** must be submitted in a seal envelope marked "CUC-IFB-11-033, Construction of Warehouse Building, CUC Rota" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, Room No.4, 3rd Floor Joeten Dandan, P.O.Box 501220, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **June 02, 2011 at 10:00 AM, (ChST)**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. CUC also would require a copy of the submittal to be emailed at the same time of the bid closing, to Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Assistant, via email: mika\_muna@cucgov.net. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A pre-bid conference, followed by a site visit, will be held on **Monday May 16, 2011 at 9:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Rota Administration Office in Sinapalo II, Rota.

A Bid Guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. A Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC. All insurers questions, concerns and qualification be should handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

The bidder is required to submit a copy of his CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current Federal minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract. The contractor will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on May 20, 2011** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - msablan@cucgov.net with a copy to Ms. Sherri Hadley, Water/Wastewater Engineer via email sherri\_hadley@cucgov.net; Mr. Charles Manglona, Deputy Director, CUC Rota -charles@cucgov.net and Ms. Janina Mika Muna, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant - mika\_muna@cucgov.net.

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**Commonwealth Utilities Corporation**  
Office of the Executive Director



**INVITATION FOR BID**  
**CUC-IFB-11-035**

**SECURITY GUARD SERVICES**

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms capable of providing Security Guard Services for various posts at CUC, Saipan, Tinian and Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Bid Package and Scope-of-Services may be picked-up, upon receipt of a deposit from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of \$ 100.00 for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

Contractors must provide proof of "Indemnity Liability Insurance," specifically covering security workers assigned to CUC's compound. Coverage must be a minimum of \$200,000.00.

Bidders shall provide a certification signed by a principle of the company stating that the company is currently in full compliance with all applicable CNMI and Federal Labor Laws and has been for the past Five (5) years. Should the company be unable to provide such certification, the company must provide a written explanation as to why, including a description of any violations of such CNMI and Federal labor laws and remedial action taken. Failure of the company to provide the certification or explanation is grounds to reject the entire bid.

**One (1) original and Five (5) copies** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-11-035, Security Guard Services", to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **May 26, 2011 at 11:00 AM, (ChST)** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. CUC also would require a copy of the submittal to be emailed at the same time of the bid closing, to Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Assistant, via email: mika\_muna@cucgov.net. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

The IFB does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the bid under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Bid award will be given to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder whose bid is responsive to all specification and requirements.

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## OPINION

## Letters to the Editor

## We need to study viability of Article 12

I would like to ask your readers please take the time and read this letter so we all know whether or not I qualify as Northern Marianas Descent pursuant to provision of Article XII of our Constitution.

Before I dwell into the core of this letter, I would also like to express on behalf of the volunteers from C-Cart-12, our profound "Si Yuus Maase" to House Speaker Eli Cabrera, Senate President Paul Manglona, and all the members of the Legislature for the time accorded to us to be heard on our position on Article XII of the CNMI Constitution. We consider it a privilege extended to us. We came away quite pleased and satisfied with the conduct of the meeting.

Article 12 of the CNMI Constitution restricts fee simple ownership of land in the CNMI to only persons of Northern Marianas Descent (NMDs).

Who, therefore, qualifies as a person of Northern Marianas Descent? The term "Northern Marianas Descent" is a legal term established by Article 12. In order to qualify as an NMD, a person must be (1) a U.S. citizen or national, and (2) must have one-quarter Northern Marianas Chamorro or Northern Marianas Carolinian blood (or a combination thereof), or is an adopted child of a person of Northern Marianas Descent if adopted under the age of eighteen.

For purposes of determining one's NMD bloodline percentage, Article 12 establishes a "starting baseline" from which

So, does Article 12 mean that

## Stealing from a Good Samaritan

Robin Hood stole from the Sheriff of Nottingham and many believe that he was hero. The antithesis is someone that steals from a Good Samaritan. I was appalled to hear that the organization that I have been very involved with since I moved to Saipan, Trench Tech, was burglarized twice in the past two days and for no reason.

On Saturday, Trench Tech president and head instructor Cuki Alvarez organized a successful submission grappling tournament for the men of Saipan and Guam. I have participated in tournaments in Guam, San Diego, Hawaii, and Saipan and this tournament was the first one that I saw that was truly for the grapplers. I have personally witnessed a mass protest of the IBJJF Honolulu International Open tournament by a majority of Hawaii BJJ academies over the rules and exorbitant tournament entrance fees (\$80 for early entry, \$95 for regular). Trench Tech considered the cur-

rent economy of Saipan, payless paydays and raising cost of gasoline and lowered the entrance fee to \$10—and the fee went to every grappler getting a nice T-shirt. If you look at it, you basically paid for a T-shirt and grappled for free.

Last Thursday and earlier Friday, people have broken into the Trench Tech gym twice to steal sodas and energy drinks from the concession area, as well as a duffle bag of MMA gloves and T-shirts on two separate occasions. They even made a mess of the storage room. When the police were called to file the report, neither 911 nor main station answered the phone—unacceptable! What if it were a life and death emergency?

Trench Tech has done so much for the community. The organization has given young men and women a place to strengthen their bodies and cultivate their minds. Whenever fighting becomes a problem at the local schools, administrators request

only ethnic Chamorro and Carolinians qualify as NMDs? No, it does not. Article 12 tries to be all-inclusive of all those persons who were actually residing permanently in the CNMI in 1950. Indeed, the Covenant itself does not use the term Chamorro or Carolinians, but rather the term "persons of Northern Mariana Islands descent."

An unusual exception made by Article 12 is its language that if a person of NMI descent passes away without leaving any children, his/her land would go to his/her surviving spouse, even if the spouse is a non-NMD. Another unusual exception to Article 12 is the language that provides that if the blood percentage of one's surviving children falls below the 25 percent minimum the children cannot inherit the land, but a non-NMD surviving spouse could then inherit the land.

Perhaps these unusual bloodline and inheritance issues beg the need to seriously reconsider and re-examine the continuing viability of Article 12. The definition of an NMD under Article 12 is a political definition and is quite outdated. We believe that at some point soon it would eventually cause much friction among families, as subsequent generations find themselves ineligible to own land or inherit land from their forefathers. Is this what we want to happen during the next two or three generations?

David M. Sablan  
Papago

for Trench Tech to talk sense to the students. Trench Tech also promoted H1N1 awareness within the community.

So I ask why steal from coach Alvarez and the organization that has tried to make Saipan a better place and asked for little in return.

To the person(s) responsible for this, if you have any heart, I ask that you return the stolen goods to Trench Tech—especially if you were present at the gym at the tournament as a participant or spectator. You are not Robin Hood, just another ladrone.

I write this letter as a message to the public to help out a Good Samaritan and if there is any hearsay or information about a stolen duffle bag, MMA PXC Gloves, Trench Tech and Fökai T-shirts or drinks to please let Cuki know at 483-4MMA (4662).

Jacob J.T. Haught  
Trench Tech member

## LOCAL

## MHS senior named Gates Millennium Scholar

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REPORTER

A senior from Marianas High School was named among this year's recipients of the prestigious Gates Millennium Scholarship which goal is to promote academic excellence and provide free college education to outstanding minority students with significant financial need to reach their highest potential.

Samantha A'ani Birmingham-Babauta, daughter of Linda Birmingham, is the only student from the Commonwealth who was accepted to the program this school year and is invited to the upcoming 2011 Gates Millennium Scholar Leadership Conference where well-known keynote speakers are expected.

The 16-year-old student admitted her winning the scholarship came as a big surprise.

"It's unbelievable. I can't really describe my feelings, but I am truly honored and happy to be one of the scholars of GMS," she said yesterday.

According to Neil Horikoshi, president and executive director of Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund, Birmingham-Babauta's accomplishment is notable



Babauta

that earned her the spot in the prestigious program.

"We commend you on your strong leadership, community service and academic achievements that contributed to your selection as a Gates Millennium Scholar. Your accomplishment is especially notable in context of the more than 23,000 students who applied, making this year's the largest

and most competitive group of candidates in the program's history," said Horikoshi in his correspondence to the student, adding that they are very excited to have the CNMI student as a Gates scholar and confer the distinct honor that distinguishes her as a leader of America's future.

As a recipient of the program, Gates Millennium Scholar funds are available to the student to attend any U.S. accredited college or university of their choice.

This is a renewable scholarship based on the GMS program guidelines. In addition, if the scholar pursue graduate studies in the fields of computer science, education, engineering, library science, mathematics, public health or sciences, the scholar may also be eligible for GMS fellowship funding for their

education through the master's and doctoral levels.

Birmingham-Babauta plans to pursue studies in the health science field with concentration in exercise science at the University of Guam in August this year.

Horikoshi said that that GMS program is much more than a scholarship that supports students' academic success and graduate education planning. It also provides a wide range of resources including a leadership conference especially designed to orient and prepare them to maximize their GMS experience, a mentoring program and an online resource center that gives them success to internships, fellowships and other scholarships. For school year 2011, GMS selected 1,000 scholars from 44 U.S. states and territories.

Funded by a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, GMS was established in 1999 to provide outstanding African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American, and Hispanic American students with an opportunity to complete an undergraduate college education in all discipline areas and a graduate education for those students pursuing studies in mathematics, science, engineering, education, public health, or library science.

## 3 appointed to Humanities Council; House honors Head Start educator

By MONETH G. DEPOSA  
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REPORTER

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial has appointed three individuals as members of the NMI Council for the Humanities, while the House of Representatives offered a resolution honoring a longtime Head Start educator.

Rose T. Ada Hocog was appointed to the council representing the public sector and her term begins immediately through April 2014.

Lilian A. Tenorio was also reappointed as council member representing the academic faction and will serve through

April 2014, along with Susana Deleon Guerrero who was hailed from the public sector.

In their appointment letters yesterday, the governor said that he and Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos are confident that the three new members will be an asset to the council.

Pursuant to U.S. Public Law 89-209, "The National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities Act of 1965," provides the governor authority to reappoint members of the council. The appointment does not require advice and consent of the Senate.

Hocog, Tenorio, and Guer-

ro are immediately required to file a statement of financial interests with the public auditor, along with their resume, police clearance, and drug test receipts.

Their appointments are effective immediately.

The NMI Council for the Humanities is a non-profit, grants-making corporation established in 1991. It has a 13-member volunteer board of directors, reflecting a broad cross section of the community, governs the council's programs and staff.

Meantime, members of the House are expected to adopt a resolution naming the Garapan/Chinatown Head Start Center the "Joaquina M. Rabauliman Head Start Center" in recognition of her services to the program and her contributions to the community.

House Bill 17-178 was offered by Rep. Joseph Palacios.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that Rabauliman devoted 37 years of her life educating the children of the CNMI. She served as a primary grade teacher from 1951 to 1966 and dedicated 22 years to the Head Start program. She was named Head Start program director until her retirement in 1988.

## Man, 51, nabbed for allegedly sexually abusing a child

Police arrested on Thursday in Koblerville a 51-year-old man who allegedly sexually abused several times an 8-year-old girl at her residence in San Antonio.

Enrico Santos was arrested for sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree, and indecent exposure.

At Friday's hearing, Superior Court associate judge Kenneth L. Govendo imposed a \$50,000 cash bail for the defendant's temporary release.

Preliminary hearing will be on May 4.

Detective Melissa H. Bauleong stated in her report that police started investigating the case on Tuesday after the mother of the girl reported the incident.

Bauleong said the girl confessed that Santos sexually abused her since she was 3 years old.

The girl stated that Santos sexually abused her more than 10 times. (*Ferdie De La Torre*)

# Tinian seeks funding for harbor reconstruction, other plans

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REPORTER

Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz is seeking federal assistance for the island's harbor reconstruction plan, which he claimed is critical in the planned military buildup of the U.S. government. This is among the five critical

concerns he raised to U.S. Sens. Jim Webb and Carl Levin in separate letters dated April 26.

"Transportation infrastructure is critical in any strategy, whether it is for economic development or military maneuvers. Tinian has been plagued with this critical problem for a very long time. The breakwater protecting the harbor

## Airline officials are guests in Chamber meeting

In light of recent air service difficulties between Saipan, Tinian, Rota, and Guam, the Saipan Chamber of Commerce announced its intention to invite speakers from those airline companies servicing local routes.

SCC president Doug Brennan announced speakers for its regular monthly general membership meeting on Wednesday, May 4, at the Hyatt Regency Saipan's Sandcastle ballroom.

This month's general membership meeting focusing on aviation service between Saipan/Tinian/Rota/Guam will have Micronesia Publishing Company (Fly Guam) director general Carlos Santos and Freedom Air's Dennis Cruz. An invitation was extended to Continental/Cape Air to attend, as well.

The SCC general member-

ship will serve luncheon beginning at 11:30am with the meeting starting at 12pm at Sandcastle. Luncheon is \$15 for SCC members and \$20 for non-SCC Members and guests.

In a related story, SCC is currently accepting applications for its annual college scholarship awards. The deadline for submission is May 6, at 5pm. The awards will be announced at the SCC General Membership meeting on June 1, 2011.

### Corporate Challenge on May 29

The SCC, meanwhile, will hold its annual SCC Corporate Challenge on May 29 at the Minachom Attdao in Susupe at 9:30am. Registration begins at 7:30am. To date, 10 corporate teams have submitted applications. SCC traditionally accepts

entries from SCC only, but this year has decided to open up registration to non-SCC member companies. SCC members can enter for \$300 and for non-SCC members entry is \$400.

The SCC Corporate Challenge has always been a fun event where companies can capitalize on the event and use it as a company outing or employee appreciation day. There are competitive races and games with prizes, and a judged tent competition. This year's theme is "Island Style Recycling" where recycled material will be used to decorate individual corporate entry tents. A panel of judges will decide the winners.

The SCC Corporate Challenge is used to assist in funding SCC's annual scholarship awards and educational endeavors. (SCC)

contact Rose Pangelinan at 234-5498 ext. 1253 or email rosep@mcnet.edu. (PR)

### Reminder to CNMI cancer survivors

All CNMI cancer survivors are asked to contact Team Courage chair Nora Sablan at FHP Clinic to register for the Marianas March Against Cancer Survivors Dinner on May 13, 2011 at Hopwood. Call Nora at 235-0994 or email norasablan@gmail.com to confirm attendance. (CCA)

### AMA UOG Collegiate Chapter Conference May 6

The American Marketing Association-University of Guam Collegiate Chapter is hosting their Annual Marketing Conference on Friday, May 6, from 8:30am to 4pm at the Hyatt Regency Guam.

This year's theme is: Green Marketing: Green is the Color of Money. Join us as we explore creative and beneficial ideas for greening your organization, identify green business opportunities, investigate what it means to be green, and find ways to improve profitability while helping to save our planet. The Keynote Luncheon speaker will be Mr. Nicholas Pape from Recurrent Energy, San Francisco, CA who will be discussing alternative energy sources and profitable green business models. The conference fee is \$35 per person and free for SBPA students. For information and registration contact T.O'Brien at 735-2533." (PR)

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would benefit future military activities on Tinian.

The harbor reconstruction on island has been delayed as a result of dwindling government resources.

Besides the harbor issue, the mayor said they also continue to seek appropriation for a Cultural Center on Tinian as per the programmatic agreement for military relocation to Guam and the CNMI.

He also wants assurance from the federal government that boundaries of the National Historic Landmarks remain open during military exercises on Tinian. He described the draft environmental impact statement for the Guam and NMI military relocation as workable so long as tour buses are able to continue accessing those sites via Broadway unto 86th Street via 8th Avenue.

"I cannot over-emphasize the fact that because Tinian has very limited resources for business opportunities, except for such historically significant sites, such as the

Bomb Pits and Invasion Beach, restrictions will further burden the local economy. I believe that both activities could co-exist by creating adequate buffer zones to ensure safety in these areas during those times the areas are used," the mayor said.

Tinian must also be assured that it continues to remain pest-free, particularly from the brown tree snakes and rhinoceros beetles.

Dela Cruz revealed that Tinian was once considered the "breadbasket of the Marianas" and plans are being developed to help them revitalize the industry in anticipation of opportunities from the military buildup.

The Tinian leader also seek the U.S. Senate's intervention in the ongoing issues about federalization of the CNMI immigration, or Public Law 110-229, which he claimed has transitional mechanisms that are detrimental to the growth of the NMI economy in general.

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"We need a 'head start' in order to entice the needed investments," said Dela Cruz, adding that one way of doing it is to create different visa requirements for investors, tourists, and workers during the transitional period.

The mayor also asked the U.S. senators to look into the allegations of "unreceptive" acts of immigration officials against tourists on the islands.

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Military training at FDM today

The Emergency Management Office, in conjunction with U.S. Naval Forces Marianas (N3) Guam, would like to inform the public that the U.S. Military Unit will be conducting military exercises on the island of Farallon De Mendenilla today, May 2, from 6pm to 10pm.

The general location of this activity will be on the island of Farallon De Mendenilla Training Area (R7201) on a 10-nautical mile radius on all quadrants.

Due to the danger imposed by this activity, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial is strongly advising the general public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—to stay away from this area during the time and dates indicated.

The cooperation and understanding of the general public is greatly appreciated.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Emergency Management Office, Operations Section at telephone numbers 322-9528 and 322-9529, VHF MARINE CHNL 16, and HF Single Side Band Radio on 5.205.0 or dial CNMI 211 for this advisory. (EMO)

### UOG offers placement tests in CNMI

The University of Guam will be administering the English and Math Placement Tests on Friday, May 6, on Tinian at the Tinian Jr. Sr. High School.

Check in time is at 9:30am and the test begins at 10am. On

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### PROCLAMATIONS GALORE

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HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

## MMAC adds Bank of Guam as title sponsor

Bank of Guam has donated \$3,000 to the 2011 Marianas March Against Cancer—automatically qualifying them as title sponsors.

Title sponsorship is the most prestigious level of sponsorship of the MMAC. Bank of Guam will also be participating as a team along with Garapan Elementary School.

"The 2011 MMAC committee is extremely grateful for the support of the Bank of Guam has provided the MMAC over the years. Their donation will go a long way in supporting this worthy cause. We'd like to thank the staff and management of Bank of Guam for their continued support of the MMAC," said 2011 public relations committee chair Christopher A. Concepcion.

The Marianas March Against Cancer is the largest cancer survivor dinner at 6PM. Any one who has battled cancer or is currently battling cancer is in-

vited to attend the survivor dinner held in their honor. Please contact 2011 survivor committee chairwoman Nora Sablan at 235-0994 or email norasablan@gmail.com for more information," he added.

The 2011 Marianas March Against Cancer will be held on May 13-14 from 5:30pm to 6am at the Hopwood Junior High School field in Chalan Piao.

The 2011 MMAC is brought to you by title sponsors Bank of Guam, Delta Air Lines, DFS Saipan, Ltd., IT&E, Joeten Charitable Foundation, Sorenson Media Group (Power 99/The Kat 97.9/ABC7), Saipan Health Clinic/St. Jude Renal Care Facility and Take Care/FHP. Special thanks to GPPC, Inc., Images Saipan, Ltd., IP&E/Shell Marianas, Hyatt Regency Saipan, MMAC Golf Tournament Organizers and Younis Art Studio. For more information call 682-0050 or visit www.ccamarianas.org. (PR)

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# Business

## Obama keeps up push to end gas, oil tax breaks

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama says oil companies are profiting from rising pump prices and he wants Congress to end \$4 billion in annual tax breaks for the oil and gas industry.

"These tax giveaways aren't right," Obama said in his weekly radio and Internet address Saturday. "They aren't smart. And we need to end them."

Drivers in 22 states are paying more than the national average of \$3.91 per gallon. In Alaska, California and Connecticut, it's \$4.20 or more.

The price jump has slowed economic growth and hurt Obama's public approval ratings.

Exxon Mobil Corp. this week reported nearly \$11 billion in profits for the first quarter of this year. Competitors also had

huge gains.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., says he plans to consider Obama's proposal as early as this coming week.

The president said money recouped from ending the oil and gas tax subsidies should go to new energy resources and research. He said he refuses to cut spending on clean energy initiatives.

"An investment in clean energy today is an investment in a better tomorrow," he said. "And I think that's an investment worth making."

Obama's critics say ending the subsidies would mean tax increases that would end up costing jobs.

"The president may think he's punishing CEOs of big companies, but his plan will hurt the everyday consumer of

energy and imperil the jobs of millions of hardworking people in American-based companies," Rep. James Lankford, a first-term congressman from Oklahoma, said in the Republicans' weekly address.

In his address, Obama said the economy was growing again and took note of nearly 2 million new private sector jobs in the last 13 months. But the president did not mention that the pace of the recovery slowed significantly in the first three months of this year. The nation's economy grew at a 1.8 percent annual rate during that quarter, compared with 3.1 percent in the previous three months.

High gasoline prices, bad winter weather and steep government spending cuts were responsible for the slowdown.

## Hiring likely to boost spending despite gas prices

WASHINGTON (AP)—Consumers as a whole will likely spend more this year. But it's not because we'll all be earning more money. Even people lucky enough to get a raise will likely spend most of the extra dollars to pay higher gas and food prices.

Yet employers are hiring more freely this year and more people working means more money being spent to fuel the economy.

"It is hard to spend money without an income. More jobs will be good for consumer spending," said David Wyss, chief economist at Standard & Poor's in New York.

People made more money and spent more money in March, the Commerce Department reported Friday. But after adjusting for inflation, spending rose only 0.2 percent and after-tax incomes were essentially flat.

Consumer spending, which

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Casinos see opening in online poker indictments

LAS VEGAS (AP)—With the three biggest online poker companies in the U.S. shut down, traditional American casino companies hope to quickly cash in on an industry worth billions of dollars. Casinos hoping to fill the void created by a federal crackdown are pushing louder for legalization and regulation so they can line up tens of thousands of likely regulars. They say thousands of Americans are playing poker online despite attempts to stop them, including the federal indictments this month of Internet poker executives on money laundering and fraud charges.

#### Beijing turns to currency to cool inflation

BEIJING (AP)—Surging inflation that helped trigger protests in Shanghai is prompting China's leaders to turn to a tool they long resisted: speeding up the rise of the country's tightly controlled currency. Rising prices are a political threat to China's communist leaders and they have declared taming inflation their priority. But they suffered a setback

in March, when a double-digit jump in food costs pushed inflation to a 32-month high of 5.4 percent. That was despite four interest rate hikes since October, curbs on bank lending and government orders to producers to hold down price increases.

#### Buffett says mistakes were made in handling Sokol

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—Berkshire Hathaway's annual meeting on Saturday was dominated by sober topics, as Warren Buffett explained to roughly 40,000 shareholders how the company had been battered by a trusted former employee's misdeeds and a string of natural disasters. Buffett assured the crowd at an Omaha convention center that Berkshire is strong enough to withstand both the David Sokol scandal and the estimated \$1.7 billion in insurance losses that drove profits down 58 percent in the first quarter. Buffett said he doesn't think he will ever understand why Sokol bought stock in Lubrizol shortly before recommending that Berkshire buy the chemical company. Buffett said he believes Sokol clearly violated Berkshire's ethics and insider trading policies.

# Nation

## Volunteers tend to victims in storm-ravaged South

PRATT CITY, Ala. (AP)—Tornado victims in splintered Southern towns say volunteers are ensuring they're well-fed and warm at night, whether by refilling blood pressure medicine or patrolling neighborhoods in a grocery-filled pickup truck. At least a few, though, say they need more from the government: Help getting into their homes and cleaning up endless debris.

Across the twister-ravaged South, students and church groups aggressively tended to those who needed it most, clearing away wreckage and handing out food and water. Wednesday's tornadoes marked the second-deadliest day of twisters in U.S. history, leaving 342 people dead across seven states—including 250 in Alabama. Thousands were hurt, and hundreds of homes and businesses have vanished into rubble.

Federal Emergency Management Agency workers provided information to people in shelters about how to apply for help. National Guard soldiers stood watch, searched for survivors and helped sift through debris. Churches transformed into buzzing community hubs.

In Tuscaloosa, a Red Cross shelter was distributing clothes and providing counseling for folks like Carol Peck, 55, and her 77-year-old mother. She said the shelter's First Aid station even refilled her blood pressure pills without her having to ask.

She can't explain how it happened, but she suspects her clinic contacted the shelter.

"Evidently, because I sure didn't call," she said. "They knew I was here. I don't know how, but they found me."

In Ringgold, Ga., Poplar Springs Baptist Church had become an informal help



AP  
Brenda Ford reacts with joy as she finds her grade book Saturday April 30, 2011, in the debris that litters the floor of her second grade classroom in the destroyed Hackleburg Elementary School in Hackleburg, Ala. that was hit by a massive tornado Wednesday.

center. Crews were dispatched from the church, some with chain saws to chop through the debris, others with bottled water and food. Inside the gymnasium, a barbecue buffet was feeding those without power.

"You've got elderly people out there who can't get out there and do it," said volunteer Kathleen Hensley, 40, of Ringgold. "They need a hand." The University of Alabama's athletic department was pitching in around hard-hit Tuscaloosa, with more than 50 athletic training students giving Gatorade, bottled water and protein bars to residents.

"Anything they have to give athletes, they're giving away," said Jenny Sanders, one of the

volunteers.

And most were grateful to get whatever they could.

Niki Eberhart, whose home in the Alberta City neighborhood of Tuscaloosa was shredded by the tornado, said Saturday that her husband and two children are getting everything they need at the shelter. And it isn't the first time they've counted on the Red Cross. When their home in Meridian, Miss., burned down last year in an electrical fire, Eberhart said the Red Cross responded within an hour.

"We feel like we've been blessed," she said. "Both times it could have been much worse. We lost things. Material possessions can be replaced."

## Obama mocks Trump's presidential ambitions

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama exacted his revenge Saturday after weeks of attacks from his would-be Republican challenger Donald Trump, joking that the billionaire businessman could bring change to the White House, transforming it from a stately mansion into a tacky casino with a whirlpool in the garden.

With Trump in attendance, Obama used the White House Correspondents' Association annual dinner to mock the reality TV star's presidential ambitions. The president said Trump has shown the acumen of a future president, from firing Gary Busey on a recent episode of "Celebrity Apprentice" to focusing so much time

on conspiracy theories about Obama's birthplace.

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PITTSBURGH (AP)—Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee called himself a "gun-clinger and a God-clinger" but didn't come close to saying whether he'll be a Republican presidential candidate next year when he delivered the keynote address Saturday at the annual National Rifle Association convention.

Huckabee was referring to a remark President Barack Obama once made about conservatives clinging to their guns and religion.

Huckabee also said Obama didn't receive an "F" rating from the Brady Cen-

ter to Prevent Gun Violence because the president has helped gun owners—though gun owners have been allowed to pack weapons on Amtrak trains and carry them in federal parks since President Obama took office.

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After a week when Obama released his long-form Hawaii birth certificate, he said Trump could now focus on the serious issues, from whether the moon landing actually happened to "where are Biggie and Tupac?"

"No one is prouder to put this birth certificate matter to rest than 'the Donald,'" Obama said, referring to Trump's claims the same day that he was responsible for solving the issue.

# Asia

## Criticism up on Japan PM's handling of nuke crisis

**TOKYO** (AP)—Criticism of the Japanese government's handling of the crisis at a radiation-spewing nuclear power plant increased Saturday, with a new poll indicating three-quarters of the people disapprove and a key adviser quitting in protest.

A Kyodo News service poll released Saturday showed that Prime Minister Naoto Kan's support ratings were plunging.

The poll reported that 76 percent of the respondents think Kan is not exercising sufficient leadership in handling the country's earthquake, tsunami and nuclear triple crisis, up from 63.7 percent in the previous survey in late March.

It also showed 23.6 percent of respondents think Kan should resign immediately, up from 13.8 percent in the previous survey.

The nationwide telephone survey of 1,010 people eligible to vote was conducted Friday and Saturday. No margin of error was provided.

## Afghan Taliban: Spring offensive starts now

**KABUL, Afghanistan** (AP)—The spring fighting season in Afghanistan geared up this weekend with a war of words.

The Taliban announced they will begin their spring offensive Sunday, pledging to attack military bases, convoys and Afghan officials, including members of the peace council working to reconcile with top insurgent leaders. Saturday's declaration came a day after a new Pentagon report claimed the militants were experiencing low morale after suffering heavy losses on the battlefield.

"The war in our country will not come to an end unless and until the foreign invading forces pull out of Afghanistan," the Taliban said in a two-page statement released by the leadership council of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, which is what the movement calls itself.

Toshio Kosako, a professor at the University of Tokyo's graduate school and an expert on radiation exposure, announced late Friday that he was stepping down as a government adviser over what he lambasted as unsafe, slipshod measures.

Kan appointed Kosako after the magnitude-9.0 earthquake and tsunami struck northeastern Japan on March 11. The disaster left 26,000 people dead or missing and damaged several reactors at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant, setting off the world's worst nuclear crisis since Chernobyl in 1986.

In a tearful news conference, Kosako said he could not stay and allow the government to set what he called improper radiation limits of 20 millisieverts a year for elementary schools in areas near the plant.

"I cannot allow this as a scholar," he said. "I feel the government response has been merely to bide time."

Kosako also criticized the government as lacking in transparency in disclosing radiation levels around the plant, and as improperly raising the limit for radiation exposure for workers at Fukushima Dai-ichi, Kyodo reported.

The prime minister defended the government's response as proper.

"We welcome different views among our advisers," Kan told parliament Saturday in response to an opposition legislator's questions. A government advisory position is highly respected in Japan, and it is extremely rare for an academic to resign to protest government policy.

The science and education ministry has repeatedly defended the 20-millisievert limit for radiation exposure as safe, saying that efforts are under way to bring the limit down to 1 millisievert. Some people have expressed concerns, noting that children are more vulnerable to radiation than adults.

Senior officers with the U.S.-led coalition said Friday that the Taliban—aided by the al-Qaida-linked Haqqani network—have plans to conduct a brief series of high-profile attacks, including suicide bombings, across the country in a display of power. The officers spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss recent intelligence, firmed up in the past couple days, that lead to the assessment.

Lt. Col. John Dorrian, a spokesman for the coalition, said the Taliban planned to use the violence as a "propaganda ploy" to try to demonstrate their relevance and create the perception of momentum despite recent setbacks.

In recent months, the U.S.-led coalition said it has seized insurgent weapons caches, pushed the Taliban from their historic strongholds in the south, and

captured and killed hundreds of their fighters and field commanders. The Taliban have responded with suicide bombings and targeted attacks on Afghan and coalition troops and Afghan government officials.

In Brussels, a NATO official said Saturday that international forces had already tightened security in anticipation of an uptick in assassinations and spectacular attacks by the Taliban, who are claiming that they have infiltrated the ranks of the Afghan security forces. The official could not be identified in line with standing regulations at the alliance.

Security agencies employed by Westerners working in Afghanistan have issued lockdowns and travel restrictions. The Afghan intelligence agency said the government had tightened security.

### Elections in communist Laos promise little change

**BANGKOK** (AP)—Laos held legislative elections Saturday that are expected to sweep in a younger generation of lawmakers but preserve the political status quo, since virtually all candidates owe allegiance to the all-powerful communist party that has ruled for 36 years. The mountainous, landlocked country of 6.5 million people is one of the poorest in Asia. Its leaders are among the region's most secretive, tolerating almost no opposition and maintaining strict control over the media.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Hotel fire in northeast China kills 10, injures 35

**BEIJING** (AP)—A fire at a hotel in northeastern China killed 10 people and injured 35 others Sunday, while lightning sparked several forest fires in another part of the country, a state news agency said. The official Xinhua News Agency said the fire at a hotel in Tonghua city in Jilin province early Sunday was put out after half an hour. The report did not mention what caused the blaze. A staffer at the Tonghua city government's office for emergencies confirmed the number of casualties but said he had no other details. He refused to give his name, as is common with Chinese officials.

#### Chopper carrying top Indian state official missing

**GAUHATI, India** (AP)—A helicopter carrying the chief minister of the northeastern Indian state of Arunachal Pradesh went missing Saturday in bad weather during what should have been a 75-minute flight, officials said. Indian air force helicopters will resume their search at daylight Sun-

# World

## NATO strike kills Gadhafi's son but leader escapes

**TRIPOLI, Libya** (AP)—Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi escaped a NATO missile strike in Tripoli on Saturday, but his youngest son and three grandchildren under the age of 12 were killed, a government spokesman said.

The strike, which came hours after Gadhafi called for a cease-fire and negotiations in what rebels called a publicity stunt, marked an escalation of international efforts to prevent the Libyan regime from regaining momentum.

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In this photo taken on a government organized tour, government officials and members of the media inspect ruins of a house at the site of a NATO missile attack in Tripoli, Libya, Saturday, April 30, 2011. AP

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But Seif al-Arab remained largely in the shadows, although he had a penchant for fast cars and partying when outside Libya.

Moammar Gadhafi and his wife were in the Tripoli house

## John Paul honored at vigil on eve of beatification

**ROME** (AP)—Thousands of young people have flooded an ancient Roman field for an all-night prayer vigil honoring Pope John Paul II on the eve of his beatification, remembering his teachings, travels and his own suffering.

Pilgrims waving flags from Poland, Spain, Germany and Brazil on Saturday filled the Circus Maximus, which twinkled with the light of thousands of candles as choirs from John Paul's native Poland, the Philippines and Italy sang. They listened as a French nun who suffered from Parkinson's recounted how she was cured after praying to John Paul, who also battled the same disease.

The Vatican has decreed that Sister Marie Simone-Pierre's inexplicable healing was the miracle needed to beatify John Paul, a process that will reach its culmination Sunday during a Mass

of his 29-year-old son when it was hit by at least one bomb dropped from a NATO warplane, according to Libyan spokesman Moussa Ibrahim.

"The leader himself is in good health," Ibrahim said. "He was not harmed. The wife is also in good health."

Ibrahim would not give the names of the three children killed, except to say they were nieces and nephews of Seif al-Arab and that they were younger than 12. He said they are not releasing the names yet to protect the privacy of the family.

He said the compound that was hit was in the Garghour neighborhood.

"It seems there was intelligence that was leaked. They knew about something. They expected him for some reason. But the target was very clear, very, very clear. And the neighborhood, yes of course, because the leader family has a place there, you could expect of course it would be guarded, but it is a normal neighborhood. Normal Libyans live there," he said.

Paul's longtime secretary, told the crowd.

The vigil was to last all night, a so-called "white night" of prayer to be continued in eight churches kept open in the city center before barricades around St. Peter's Square open to pilgrims at 5:30 a.m. (0330GMT) for the 10 a.m. (0800GMT) beatification Mass.

The beatification is taking place despite a steady drumbeat of criticism about the record-fast speed with which John Paul is being honored, and continued outrage about the clerical abuse scandal: Many of the crimes and cover-ups of priests who raped children occurred on John Paul's 27-year watch.

"I hope he didn't know about the pedophiles," said Sister Maria Luisa Garcia, a Spanish nun attending the vigil. "If he did, it was an error. But no one is perfect, only God."

# Health & Fitness

## At Oregon gym, you burn calories, move electrons

By TIM FOUGHT  
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**P**ORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Reddening, a rivulet of sweat running across her cheek, Amy McCullough hunched over the stationary bike, pumped her legs like crazy and began producing serious power—enough watts to run a flat-panel TV and a ceiling fan.

She thrust her arms upward and exclaimed: "Oh, 180!"

And, with that, her electrical output

drooped. The generator attached to her exercise machine slowed, and the digital readout from the device on the handlebars fell below 100 watts.

The transient burst was a personal best for the 43-year-old legal aid lawyer who works out five days a week at a storefront fitness center in north Portland where members on exercise machines fitted with compact generators can burn calories and generate electricity at the same time.

Their workouts satisfy a modicum of the electrical draw at the 3-year-old Green Microgym. More important, they satisfy a demand among its 200 members to be fit in a way that fits

Portland's green-indie-local ethos.

The 3,000-square-foot gym aims for a neighborhood trade. It features solar panels, recycled toilet paper, renewable-source flooring and lots of reminders on the wall about turning off lights, fans and TVs.

"I was really attracted to the idea that it would be green," said McCullough, who joined shortly after the gym opened in 2008. "I could go in and generate electricity. How cool is that?"

It has occurred to many exercisers during long stretches on machines that it would be cool to turn sweat into watts. In recent years, a few tinkerers and entrepreneurs have brought the



AP

A March 30, 2011, photo shows Adam Boesel working out on a stationary bike hooked up to a generator at the Green Microgym Wednesday, March 30, 2011, in Portland, Ore. Equipment at the gym satisfies a demand among the 200 members to be fit in a way that fits Portland's green-indie-local ethos.

idea to market.

So far they have but a teensy sliver. The two leading startups sell equipment to retrofit existing bikes and elliptical trainers, and each reports hooking up about 1,000 machines. An executive of one company estimates that American fitness centers house 8 million to 10 million machines that could generate power.

They don't, though. Like much in energy that's efficient or alternative, from plug-in cars to compact fluorescents, initial capital outlays are steep. Absent a subsidy, or a quantifiable green marketing rationale, the returns on investment don't come quickly, if at all.

Kurt Broadhag, a Los Angeles consultant to health clubs and an advocate of greening them, says it appears the payback period for electricity-generating exercise equipment is about 15 years—two to three times the machines' life span.

"The only sense it makes is in educating people in taking care of the environment," he said.

When Adam Boesel opened the Green Microgym in Portland's artsy, gentrifying Alberta district, he figured on a market among people already educated about the environment.

The former teacher from Seattle looked at Portland, a city that, when cut, bleeds green. It's regularly in top 10 lists for bicycle and mass transit commuting, recycling, composting, energy-efficient buildings and so on.

"When I was researching Portland businesses, they all were talking about sustainability—all the good ones," he said.

He's gotten a lot of publicity about the technology—helpful for a business that opened on credit-card financing a few weeks before the economy tanked.

But the machines, he said, are "just the shiny wrapper on a package, which is energy efficiency," something gym members such as Martha Jones take seriously.

"Whoops, I have to turn off the lights," she said at the end of an interview in the gym's basement studio, dashing back inside.

Prominent in the gym are signs that explain how to use the individual, adjustable controls for lights and fans. A wall-mounted button connects to a remote device that allows the cable boxes to be shut down, not just put on standby and using 29 watts when the flat-panel TVs are not in use.

Jones is an Intel engineer who likes seeing her workout quantified in watts. But it's not primarily the electricity that attracts her to the Green Microgym.

"It's just really supportive," she said. "If you have somebody who knows you, who knows your name, they will keep you moving. I know for sure I will cheat right and left on my workout without that."

She counts hoofing it to the gym as warm-up and cool-down. "And I do more shopping in Alberta because I'm walking here," she said. "It helps the local businesses."

Boesel sees opportunity in such thinking. Emerging from what he called scary times in the recession, he's franchised a second neighborhood gym in southeast Portland and plans to open a third on his own. With a Seattle partner, he's getting into the manufacturing end, selling machines whose plugs feed electricity from the machine into a gym's distribution system.

Theoretically, in states like Oregon with "net metering" rules, such machines could power the gym itself and feed excess energy into the grid, perhaps generating a utility bill credit. But that level of output would likely be rare, especially in big gyms heavy on lights, heating, cooling and other energy draws. Most often, electricity-generating machines would supplant some of a gym's draw from the grid, a smaller savings.

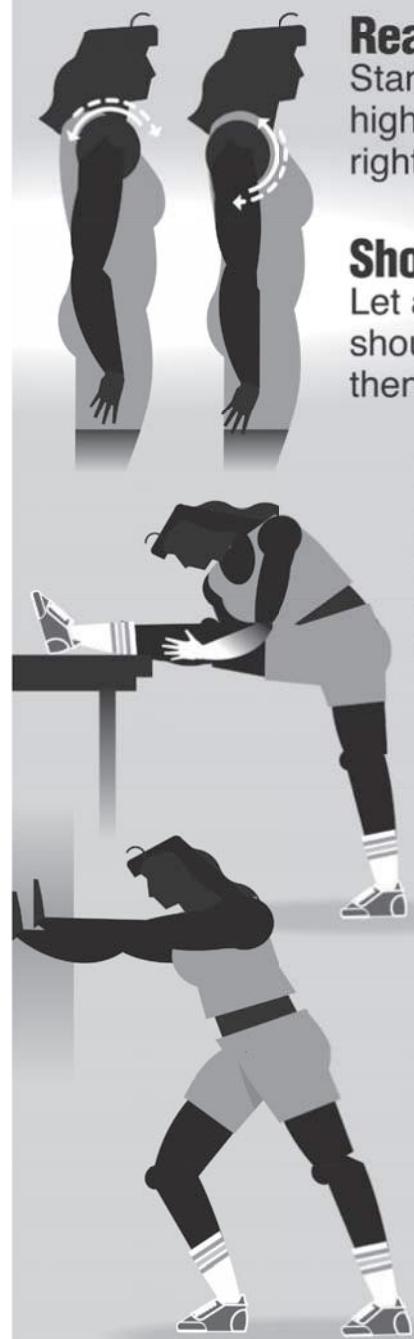
Boesel said he doesn't try to calculate how many kilowatt-hours the Green Microgym produces. "The payback period is irrelevant to me," he said.

But the machines themselves and the potential they represent are "pretty cool," he said. "It's not inevitable that all the machines will make electricity someday. ... It's all going to have to be pushed along. That's what I think I'm doing."

### Personal Trainer

## Easy full-body stretch

Here is a series of simple stretches that can be done almost anywhere, in street clothes, to shake out the stiffness prolonged sitting can cause.



### Reach and rotate

Stand straight, reach arms upward as high as possible; twist at waist to right, then to left; repeat three times



### Shoulder rolls

Let arms hang at sides; roll shoulders up and back three times; then roll forward three times



### Hamstring stretch

Put leg on table or chair; bend other a little at knee; lean forward and stretch raised leg gently; hold 10 seconds; change sides



### Quadriceps stretch

Reach back and hold ankle; pull heel toward buttocks until you feel stretch in front of thigh; don't bend forward; hold 10 seconds; change sides

### Calf stretch

Stand facing wall with one leg behind the other; keeping knees straight, lean toward wall until you feel stretch in calf; hold 5 to 10 seconds; change sides

### Backwards bend

Put hands on hips, bend knees slightly; bend backward with shoulders; hold 5 to 10 seconds; relax; repeat 3 to 5 times

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# Life & Style

## Royal wedding fashion: tradition and modernity

**LONDON** (AP)—There was tradition and modernity, sober styles and touches of whimsy: the wedding of Prince William to Kate Middleton showcased Britain's fashion roots, as well as the claim it's staking at the forefront of haute couture.

All eyes, of course, were on the bride's dress—and it immediately became the stuff that dreams are made of.

The gown, whose details were kept secret until Middleton stepped out of the Goring Hotel to travel to Westminster Abbey, was a magnificent ivory confection with lace floral detail designed by Britain's Sarah Burton, creative director at Alexander McQueen.

A plunging neckline added an edgy touch to an otherwise traditional dress with lace-covered sleeves that ended at the wrists. Her hair was half up, half down, lightly curled and decorated with a tiara. She wore drop earrings.

"The dress itself was a glorious mix of modernity with a hint of historic reference and a wonderful silhouette to complement the architectural beauty of the abbey," said Avril Graham, Harper's Bazaar executive fashion and beauty editor.

Maid of honor Pippa Middleton wore a simple cream column dress also designed by Burton, with a deep neckline, and naturally styled hair. Her bridal tones and sashaying walk down the aisle behind her sister caught the eye of several commentators.

"Her dress was exceptionally fitted, and it was basically white," said Mark Niemierko, a wedding planner who has organized some of London's most extravagant nuptials. "For a bridesmaid that's always been a no-no but I think the idea could really catch on."

The flower girls also were decked out in cream dresses with full skirts and flowers in their hair.

Queen Elizabeth II looked steadily yet cheerful in a primrose Angela Kelly dress and matching hat.

Carole Middleton, the bride's mother, wore a sky blue wool crepe coattress with matching satin piping over a sky blue silk shantung day dress. Both were designed by the Catherine Walker label. Middleton's hat was created by British designer Jane Corbett.

Middleton often dresses youthfully like her daughters, but on wedding day she looked very much the matriarch.

The duchess of Cornwall wore a champagne silk dress and a duck egg blue and champagne coat by Anna Valentine, along with a Philip Treacy hat and Jimmy Choo shoes. Anna



Maid of honour Pippa Middleton arrives with ring bearers Westminster Abbey at the Royal Wedding in London Friday, April 29, 2011. AP

Valentine designed Camilla's dress for her 2005 wedding to Prince Charles.

Deputy Prime Minister Nick

Clegg's wife Miriam Gonzalez Duantez—a Spanish attorney—sent tongues wagging with a body-hugging dress draped

with lace and a red hat but most guests were more conservative, wearing simple suits and knee length dresses in pastels and

blues. Jewelry was understated, too—small earrings and strings of pearls.

On their heads however,

guests wore a riot of color, sculpture and design.

Irish designer Treacy made most of the hats for royals attending the wedding—36 in all that included creations for Prince Charles' wife, the duchess of Cornwall, Princess Beatrice, Princess Eugenie, Princess Michael of Kent, Queen Anna-Marie of Greece and Princess Mathilde of Belgium.

He also designed a hat for Hollywood royalty: Victoria Beckham wore a midnight blue Treacy hat. And dozens of less famous guests wore his creations—many resembling architectural works meant to elongate and frame the face.

"The wedding is an incredible boost for British fashion and for Britain," said Harold Tillman chairman of the British Fashion Council, which promotes British fashion abroad.

"There is nothing better than a morning suit for men—every man looks good in it. And all the guests looked wonderful. Most were beautiful and elegantly understated, with all the wildness and exaggeration in the hats."

Princess Beatrice, 22, the daughter of Prince Andrew and Sarah Ferguson, was wearing an ensemble of Valentino couture and gloves by Cornelia James with Treacy hats that rose like a modernist building from her hair.

Her sister, Princess Eugenie, 21, was wearing an outfit by Vivienne Westwood with an equally dramatic hat and a ring by Solange Azagury-Partridge with a Union Jack design. The two sisters love playing with fashion, trying out cutting edge styles many of their aristocratic peers would be too nervous to wear.

"The princesses are young and they wanted to make a statement. They wanted to have a little fun, which they should," said Tillman.

Prime Minister David Cameron's wife, Samantha, broke with tradition: she wore a sparkly hair clip instead of a hat. Her dress was a tight Burberry teal affair set off by a striking necklace by Erickson Beamon for Erdem.

"Her dress and jewelry were great, but I was disappointed she didn't wear a hat," said Niemierko. "She could have easily carried one off."

Zara Phillips, the queen's granddaughter who will also get married later this year, was wearing Paul Costelloe. The couple's friend, Tara Palmer Tomkinson was wearing Deborah Milner.

The wedding presents a golden opportunity for designers. Many replica hats and dresses are expected to be in shops this week.

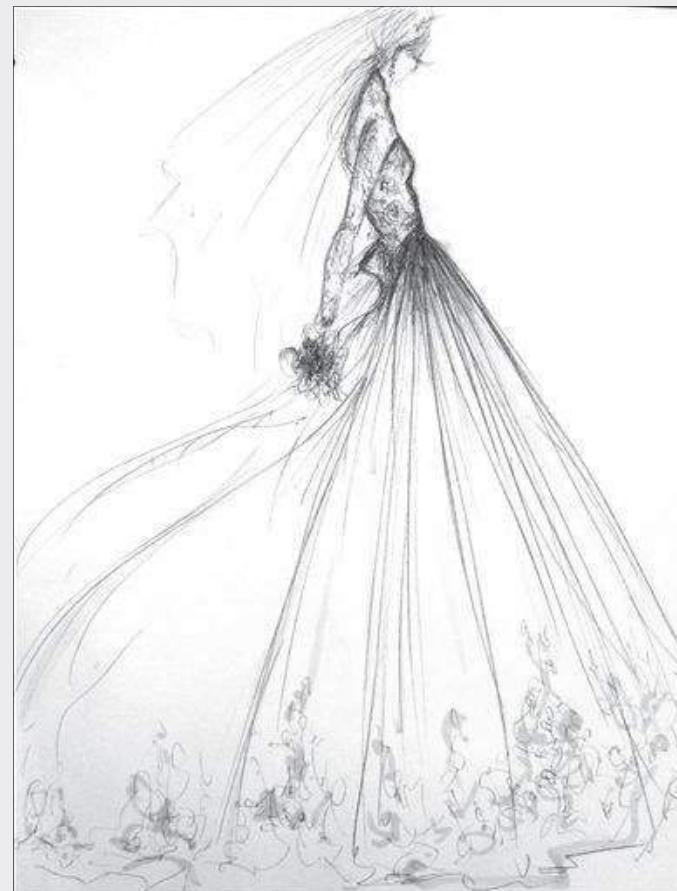
## Fashion firms rush to copy the royal gown

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Seconds after Kate Middleton emerged from her car outside Westminster Abbey in a ball gown with lace sleeves, designers around the U.S., glued to their TV sets, were sketching her look, setting in motion a mad rush for mass-produced versions that are expected to be in stores as early as late June.

For brides-to-be who can't wait even four weeks, David's Bridal, the largest U.S. bridal chain, was already trumpeting a strapless look from Oleg Cassini, paired with a lace bolero jacket, on its website as an already available stand-in as it scrambled to push out modified knockoffs of the real thing to stores by September.

Meanwhile, the television home-shopping channel QVC said shoppers will be able to pre-order earrings inspired by the diamond drops worn by Middleton as early as Monday night. The piece, which will sell for under \$50 and was created by Kenneth Jay Lane, will be available to shoppers in two months.

Middleton, now the Duchess of Cambridge, didn't break new fashion trends on Friday, but fashion experts say her elegant understated look, which featured a V-neck intricate lace bodice, is expected to bring back a new era of classic wed-



An April 29, 2011 photo of a sketch provided by the David's Bridal design team, a wedding dress design inspired by the dress worn by Kate Middleton on her wedding to Britain's Prince William, is shown.

ding dressing that was just starting to re-emerge in designers' collections.

In particular, her dress should spur a demand for lacey sleeves in all special-occasion wear and reverse the sexy strapless

wore on her wedding day to the Prince Rainier of Monaco more than 50 years ago.

More importantly, fashion industry experts like Brian Beitel, chief marketing officer of David's Bridal, believe Middleton could re-energize the wedding industry, which has been hurt by the Great Recession as shoppers focused more on expense-cutting and less on the fairy tale.

"I thought it was going to be over the top, but it was more about simplicity and elegance," said Allen Schwartz, co-owner of A.B.S., which is known for pumping out copies of celebrity dresses. "This is Grace Kelly revisited. This is iconic. She will have a huge impact in fashion. She will be the new 'It' girl."

Schwartz, who started sketching as soon as the gown was revealed on TV, said his team arrived at 5:30 a.m. at his Los Angeles showroom, ready to cut the pattern. He unveiled the gown at a charity gala on Friday night and on Saturday, one of his A.B.S. stores in the area was expected to have a sample on display for customers.

The gowns, which will be produced in local factories, should be in department stores by late June. They will retail for \$900.

# William, Kate try to carve out some private time

**LONDON** (AP)—Shunning an immediate overseas honeymoon and opting instead for a quiet weekend at a secret British location, Prince William and Kate Middleton made it clear Saturday they want to carve out some space for themselves.

This fight for privacy is crucial if they are to avoid being hounded like William's mother, the late Princess Diana, whose every move was tailed.

The royal newlyweds started the day by asking the media not to intrude this weekend and to leave them alone when they eventually start their honeymoon. Separately, palace officials also asked the media not to reveal where the couple live near William's Royal Air Force base in Wales.

He will return to military duty there as a helicopter rescue pilot after the holiday weekend, which ends Monday.

The request for privacy was in stark contrast to their accessibility to the public over the previous two days. On the eve of Friday's wedding at Westminster Abbey, William greeted crowds on the streets outside his official residence in an impromptu gesture.

The royal couple also dazzled the masses on their wedding day with an open-topped carriage ride from Westminster Abbey to Buckingham Palace and a pair of kisses on a palace balcony. They also emerged from the gates of the palace with the prince at the wheel of his father's Aston Martin, which had balloons on the back and a "Just Wed" license plate.

William and Middleton, who have the titles of Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, now

seem determined not to let paparazzi armed with long-lensed cameras make it impossible for them to go about their business without constantly feeling they are being stalked.

The couple, walking hand in hand on the grounds of Buckingham Palace, boarded a helicopter Saturday morning to a secret location, then issued a statement asking to be left alone.

"The couple have asked that their privacy be respected during the coming weekend and during their honeymoon," according to a message posted on the official royal wedding website.

Previously, officials said William had scheduled two weeks of leave from his military duties amid indications that the honeymoon would begin a day or two after the wedding. But the couple said on the website that they would take an overseas honeymoon at a later date.

The ultimate destination remains a closely-guarded secret, although a number of idyllic locations have been mentioned. German media reports, which were not confirmed, suggested the couple planned to spend a honeymoon at a small private island in the Seychelles.

The reports were based on the comments of a German real estate agent who claimed to have rented the island to the British royals.

Privacy has long been the couple's main concern while planning their honeymoon. They are thought to have considered private islands in the Caribbean—although photographers on boats could conceivably get pictures of them



AP  
The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge walk hand in hand from Buckingham Palace in London Saturday April 30 2011, the day after their wedding.

cavorting on a beach—and hideaways in Africa, where William has traveled extensively in the past.

Another option, one they may be using this weekend, is Queen Elizabeth II's Balmoral Estate in Scotland, which contains vast secluded areas where the couple would be likely left alone.

But the desire for privacy—something they enjoyed during their university days because the usually voracious British media agreed to give the young prince some space—may become a dominant theme of their marriage, especially with the worldwide interest generated by their glamorous wedding. The

BBC said 17.5 million viewers watched Kate Middleton arrive at Westminster Abbey in her wedding gown. Sky News said 661,000 viewers watched her entrance, and around a million logged on to their website. Millions more watched around the world, and the images from the wedding will be reprinted for years.

Certainly, the Middletons and the royal family appeared to want to send out a clear signal that the wedding was definitely over. Middleton's parents, her brother and sister left their London hotel in the afternoon, smiled and waved at waiting photographers, and then drove back to their home in Bucklebury, about 50 miles (80 kilometers) west of London.

Royal commentator Dickie Arbiter said the couple is likely to be able to live normally when they return to the area around the military base in north Wales where William is based.

"They've been left alone there in the past and there's no reason they won't be left alone there now," he said. Arbiter said that it will be relatively easy for the prince's staff, which has wide experience in security and logistics, to set up the honeymoon so the couple would not be disturbed. The honeymoon is expected to be briefer than that of William's parents, Prince Charles and Diana, who combined a two-week Mediterranean cruise with several extended breaks in Britain.

William and Middleton celebrated their wedding in style Friday night and Saturday morning with a dinner and dance party at Buckingham Palace hosted by Charles. Mid-

dleton wore a second gown designed by Sarah Burton of the Alexander McQueen fashion house, while William wore a double-breasted tuxedo.

Some of the prominent guests, including Middleton's sister Pippa and Prince Harry's sometimes girlfriend, Chelsy Davy, returned to their rooms at the Goring Hotel at about 3 a.m. Saturday as the palace celebrations wound down.

Harry had announced plans to make an early morning "fry up" breakfast for anyone with the constitution to stay awake through the night, but it is not known how many hungry partgoers he fed.

There was no fear about keeping quiet to avoid waking grandma—Queen Elizabeth II and her husband Prince Philip had left the palace to the kids and retreated to another royal residence.

The often contentious British media pronounced the wedding day an unqualified success, filling special souvenir editions with dozens of photos from a day that saw an estimated 1 million people throng the streets and parks of London to celebrate.

Middleton's bridal bouquet was laid on the tomb of the unknown warrior—a memorial in Westminster Abbey that holds the remains of a soldier killed in World War I that is now a memorial for all war dead.

Queen Elizabeth II's mother, the late Queen mother, began the tradition of laying royal bridal bouquets on the tomb when she left her own bouquet there after her wedding to the Duke of York, later George VI in 1923.

## Celebs, sports figures, royalty flock to wedding

**LONDON** (AP)—It was a Who's Who of royalty, power and fame: David and Victoria Beckham, Elton John, royalty from across the world, prime ministers from across the realm and the cream of British nobility were among the nearly 2,000 guests inside Westminster Abbey for Friday's royal wedding.

Olympic swimming legend Ian Thorpe was among the first to arrive. Soccer star Beckham, hair slicked back, looked solemn in the great medieval building, with wife Victoria, a dark dress hiding her baby bump, at his side.

Chelsy Davy, Prince Harry's on-again-off-again girlfriend, was watching as the prince stood with his brother at the altar. Tabloids have speculated endlessly about the state of her relationship with the younger royal—and her invitation to the abbey was seen as a sign the pair were still close.

Other guests: Actor Rowan Atkinson, a friend of Prince Charles best known for his

"Mr. Bean" act, Guy Ritchie, director of "Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels," photographer Mario Testino, who snapped the official engagement shots, and singer Joss Stone, who performed at a tribute concert for William's mother in 2007.

Elton John, who sang a version of "Candle in the Wind" at Princess Diana's funeral, was not in his usual eye-grabbing style: He wore a morning coat and (relatively) discreet lavender tie. He was in some ways the exception: For the three hours ahead of the start of the ceremony, the abbey was the place to mingle, see, be seen, and show off.

There were hats and fascinators by the bucketful—Ritchie's girlfriend Jacqui Ainsley sported a big black piece of headgear that looked like an ebony radar dish. Princesses Beatrice and Eugenie—daughters of Prince Andrew and Sarah Ferguson—had nearly vertical hats that looked like sculptures had been drilled

into their heads.

Socialite Tara Palmer-Tomkinson arrived decked out in royal blue: dress, hat, and heels, the color offset by the brilliant black-and-crimson of the Catholic cardinals invited to the wedding—Cardinal Sean Brady's attendance was a first for an Irish churchman in his position.

The guests came in silver minibuses, Bentleys, and an antique Rolls Royce. They walked down a huge red carpet thrown out in front of Westminster abbey, which turned the entrance to the medieval church into a kind of royal catwalk show.

Many of Europe's crowned heads of state paused to pose for the cameras. There was Prince Albert of Monaco and his fiancee, Charlene Wittstock, both in gray; there was Swedish Crown Princess Victoria, dressed in peach, and Prince Daniel, his hair swept back over a stylish pair of spectacles; there were Dutch Crown Prince Willem-Alexander and



AP  
Guests wait inside Westminster Abbey where Prince William and Kate Middleton will marry Friday April 29, 2011.

Princess Maxima—the latter in a high-waisted scalloped dress and nude-colored heels.

Some of the royals came in military regalia, each with various configurations of epaulettes, braids, sashes and medals. Diplomats from more than 180 different countries rounded out the ceremony with suits, turbans and robes. Britain's top politicians joined the party—Prime Minister David Cameron, Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg, leader of the opposition Ed Miliband were among the senior politicians there.

There were what might be

called more ordinary folk as well, drawn from Middleton's village of Bucklebury or the 27 members of Prince William's search-and-rescue unit, which the royal invited en masse.

Celebs, sports stars and other invitees wandered the aisles, chatting amiably and shaking hands.

The chatter began dying away as Princes William and Harry arrived for the ceremony. They were followed by their father, Prince Charles, who arrived at the abbey in a claret-colored royal Rolls-Royce along with his wife Camilla.

The duchess of Cornwall wore an Anna Valentine champagne silk dress with a matching hand-embroidered coat. The couple got big cheers, but it was Kate's sister, Pippa, who nearly stole the show, dressed in an ivory, formfitting Sarah Burton gown. She led the pageboys and flower-girls into the abbey, and then returned to help carry her sister's train into the abbey.

Even with the ceremony over, and many of the guests gone, some of the excitement seems to be lingering at Westminster.

A television caught a church official cartwheeling between the abandoned chairs, drawing amused comments from announcers and replays on national television. The abbey confirmed that the cartwheeler was a verger—the name given to a church official such as an usher or a sacristan.

It did not reveal his identity but said in a statement that he, "like all of us, was very pleased the service had gone according to plan, and was expressing his exuberance."

# Source: Lohan wants to end necklace theft case

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Lindsay Lohan wants to enter a no contest plea to end a criminal case filed over a \$2,500 necklace reported stolen, a source close to the actress said Saturday.

The source, who is familiar with Lohan's criminal case but was not authorized to comment publicly, said the actress wants to put the case behind her so she can focus on her career.

No court date has been set for Lohan to enter the plea. She is scheduled to return to a Los Angeles court for a pretrial hearing May 11, but the actress is hoping to resolve the case before then, the source said.

By pleading no contest, Lohan would not be admitting guilt, and it was not immediately clear if she would face any additional penalties. The actress already has been sentenced to four months in jail for a probation violation related to the theft case. She is free on bail.

Prosecutors in February charged Lohan with felony grand theft on allegations that she took the necklace from Kamofie & Co., a jewelry store near the actress's home in Los Angeles' Venice neighborhood. The charge was reduced last week by Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Stephanie Sautner.

Authorities allege the theft occurred roughly three weeks after Lohan, 24, was released from court-ordered rehab at the Betty Ford Center.

Lohan's assistant turned the



AP  
In this April 12, 2011 file photo, actress Lindsay Lohan poses during a news conference for the film "Gotti: Three Generations", based on the life of John Gotti, in New York.

necklace in to authorities after police obtained a search warrant to retrieve it from Lohan's house, but before detectives were able to conduct the search.

Sautner said during an April 22 hearing that she thought Lohan's actions

were brazen, but that she did not think the case warranted a felony prosecution because many other cases involving more serious allegations are reduced to misdemeanors.

Deputy District Attorney Danette Meyers said she thought

the ruling was an "abuse of discretion" and her office may appeal it, but no challenge has yet been filed.

A little over a week ago, Sautner sentenced Lohan to 120 days in jail and nearly 500 hours of community service for violating the terms of her probation by taking the necklace. Lohan was on probation for a 2007 drunken driving case.

She was released to pursue an appeal but has not yet filed a formal motion to try to get the sentence reduced.

In all likelihood, Lohan would serve a small fraction of her four-month sentence—possibly as little as three weeks—due to jail overcrowding.

The source said Lohan's intention to plead no contest was aimed at making good on her statement to Jay Leno earlier this week that she wanted to take responsibility for her actions.

The plea was first reported Saturday by celebrity website TMZ.

The actress's career has been mostly stalled for the past year as she struggled to deal with the terms of her sentence in the drunken driving case. She recently accepted a two-picture deal to appear in a pair of mob films, including a biopic of the infamous Gotti family. She will portray the wife of John Gotti Jr. in the film "Gotti: Three Generations" that also stars John Travolta and Joe Pesci.

## Cast of 'The Office' jokes with Warren Buffett

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—Billionaire Warren Buffett recruits the cast of television's "The Office" to entertain Berkshire Hathaway shareholders.

In a humorous video that opened Saturday's annual shareholder meeting, the cast

of "The Office" participated in a skit introducing Buffett as the successor to Steve Carell's character.

Buffett told employees of

Dunder Mifflin's Scranton office that he thought the company could produce a signifi-

cant turnaround once Carell's character left. But Carell didn't seem to catch the insult because he said Buffett's speech pattern had lulled him to sleep.

When another Dunder employee asked the 80-year-old Buffett for some of his elixir of

youth, the billionaire said only Class A Berkshire shareholders get that. Class A shares sell for about \$125,000 apiece.

Buffett's friend Arnold Schwarzenegger appeared in a cartoon spoof of his "Terminator" films.

## Mariah Carey, Nick Cannon parents of twins



AP  
In a March 7, 2010 file photo, Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon arrive at the 82nd Academy Awards, in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles.

"It was like right out of an 'I Love Lucy' skit," said Berger.

Berger says they were listening to Carey's "We Belong Together" after the children were born.

The couple are expected to renew their wedding vows on

Sunday. The pair got married in 2007 after a whirlwind romance. They were the subject of endless baby rumors, and the couple actually were expecting shortly after their marriage, but Carey had a miscarriage; they did not reveal the miscarriage

until she announced her pregnancy last fall.

The couple plan to live a bi-coastal life, and have luxurious nurseries in both New York and Los Angeles.

As far as more children, Carey recently declared she's done.

## Volunteers, keep this in mind: someone is counting on you

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
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**DEAR ABBY:** I am a volunteer manager coordinating services between 200 students and tutors in an adult refugee English as a Second Language program. We benefit greatly from the skills and perspectives of young people, but the job requires volunteers to be self-directed and mature enough to handle the assignment. May I offer some advice to those who wish to volunteer for ANY program for class credit—as an intern or during summer vacation?

Understand that your assignment is a JOB. Someone is counting on you to be reliable and do it well—even though you're not being paid. If you want to volunteer, call me yourself. Our conversation will be, for all intents and purposes, a job interview. I do not want to talk to your mother unless she's the one looking for the assignment.

Nonprofit organizations offer volunteers work experience and insight into a life that is unfamiliar to you. If you're not ready to commit to an assignment, ask the manager if you can "shadow" someone who is currently volunteering. It's a great way to see if the work interests you.

My volunteers are the most dedicated, intrepid, compassionate people I have ever met. They succeed because they're enthusiastic and sincere in their desire to contribute. They range in age from 17 to 82, but they all have one thing in common: They picked up the phone and spent time doing their own research.

Volunteering is an excellent way to make a difference in the world, especially when you understand where you fit into that world.

VOLUNTEER MANAGER IN DENVER

**DEAR MANAGER:** Sometimes well-meaning parents try so hard to run interference for their children that they get in the way, and rather than strengthening their children's wings, they don't allow them to develop. For parents of teens and young adults who are interested in volunteering and internships, I hope this letter will serve as a wake-up call. Thank you for writing.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am invited to a 60th wedding anniversary party. They are requesting that all the guests wear white. I think it's unfair to ask that of a guest. I recently lost weight and will have to buy something new to wear, besides paying for my hotel and a nice gift.

I care about the couple and want to share this special occasion with them, but I'm on a fixed income. To have to go out and buy something new is a hardship. Abby, what do you think?

REASONABLE IN SAN FRANCISCO

**DEAR REASONABLE:** I think you should consider some other options than buying a new outfit. Could you borrow a white outfit from someone? Or browse resale boutiques to see if they have something? If they don't, contact the anniversary couple and see if they would mind your wearing the palest outfit you have. After all, the white attire is being requested, not ordered.

**DEAR ABBY:** My fiance is a "screamer" during lovemaking. This bothers me. Is there a cure?

SUBDUED IN ALBUQUERQUE

**DEAR SUBDUED:** For him? No. For you, the "cure" is to learn to be less self-conscious about the fact that your fiance is enjoying himself, because you are not going to change him.

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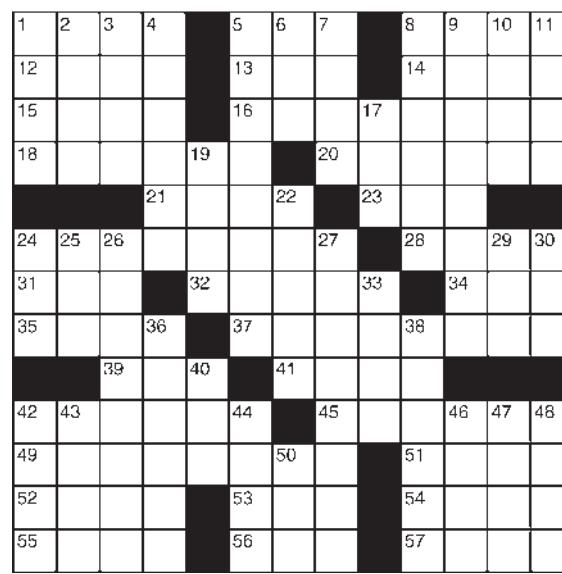
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Saturday's answer 5-2



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Kyle Busch, 26; David Beckham, 36; Dwayne Johnson, 39; Christine Baranski, 59

**Happy Birthday:** Forget about trying to do and be everything for everyone. This can be a great year if you are true to yourself and your dreams. Get organized and prepare for a hectic but rewarding year. Don't let anyone or anything stop you from reaching your destination. Your numbers are 2, 13, 16, 23, 39, 41, 48

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Use any obstacle that stands in your way as a motivator to reach your goal. Work quietly behind the scenes where no one will disturb or deter you. Know in your heart that you are on the right path and be relentless in your pursuit. ★★★

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Secret information will help you make an important decision. The work you do now will pay off. Take care of any paperwork or dealings that involve government agencies and financial or medical institutions. ★★★

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): You will face complications regarding money matters. Don't get involved in joint financial ventures or with anyone who is unpredictable. Keep your finances a secret. Questions will be asked if you are too vocal. ★★★

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**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Be careful what you reveal. Someone will be listening intently, looking for any opportunity to misinterpret or meddle in your

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Stick to what you know and do best and follow through with your promises. A sensitive issue at work must be avoided. Love is highlighted and an affectionate evening should be planned. ★★

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Visit with friends you don't get to see very often and you'll discover something that can alter the way you move forward professionally. The opportunity to pick up additional skills will prove effective toward future advancement. ★★★★★

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A relationship problem will develop if you or someone you are dealing with is indecisive or cannot make a commitment. A financial boost will help ease your anxiety and pay overdue bills. Get your personal paperwork in order. ★★★

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affairs. Expect delays while traveling and unexpected alterations in your plans due to someone's miscalculation. ★★

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Problems from your past will surface. Face whatever comes your way before it has time to fester and turn into something too difficult to handle. Be responsible with your personal finances. ★★

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Be honest and direct but don't give away information that isn't necessary. The less others know about your personal and professional affairs, the better. Taking on additional responsibilities will enhance your reputation. Be creative when dealing with emotional matters. ★★★

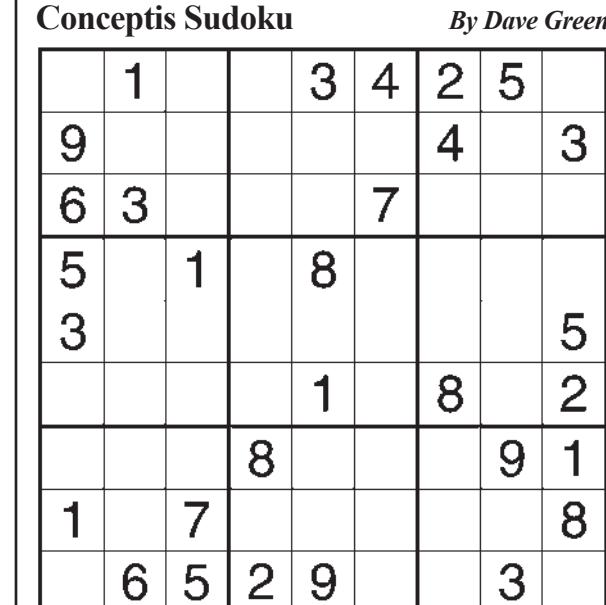
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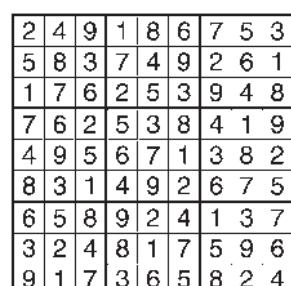
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# Return of lockout punctuates wild week in NFL



**NEW YORK** (AP)—From lockout to injunction to limbo and back to lockout—with a draft thrown in. Not even Super Bowl week gets that wild.

Backed by an appeals court ruling, owners shut their doors once more, with players across the league trying to figure out where they stand - again.

That includes veterans with contracts and free agents. It includes rookies drafted in the first round who took advantage of a small window Friday to meet with coaching staffs and get playbooks.

And it includes players being drafted Saturday in the fourth through seventh rounds, plus any collegians not selected at all. They can have no such communication with their teams.

NFL Players Association President Kevin Mawae calls the last few days "chaotic." And with a court hearing scheduled for Monday in St. Louis, the labor dispute could take a few more turns.



**PHILADELPHIA** (AP)—Roy Halladay started the game by throwing 18 straight strikes and helped Philadelphia set a club record with its 18th victory in April as the Phillies beat the New York Mets 2-1 on Saturday.

Halladay (4-1) allowed one run and seven hits. He walked one while striking out eight to lead the Phillies to their third straight victory. Philadelphia went 17-5 in April 1993.

The NL Cy Young award winner cruised in the beginning of the game—he threw all strikes the first time he went through the Mets' order, and didn't toss a ball until missing high to Jose Reyes in the third inning.

It was his seventh straight win over the Mets dating to the 2006 season.

Mets starter Jonathon Niese (2-3) took the loss after Placido Polanco's sacrifice fly in the seventh broke a 1-1 tie.

## Cardinals 3, Braves 2

At Atlanta, Gerald Laird's ninth-inning triple capped a late rally to give the Cardinals a win over the Braves.

Backed by rookie Brandon Beachy's seven scoreless innings to start the game, the Braves led 2-0 before St. Louis began its comeback. David Freese tied the game with a two-run single in the eighth before Laird's go-ahead triple drove in Matt Holliday.

Closer Craig Kimbrel (0-1), who had a blown save in the Braves' 5-3 loss to the Cardinals in 11 innings on Friday night, couldn't hold a 2-2 tie in the ninth.

## Giants 2, Nationals 1

At Washington, taken out of the starting lineup, slumping Aubrey Huff drew a bases-loaded walk as a pinch hitter to force home the go-ahead run, and the Giants overcame Jonathan Sanchez's (notes) wild start and Brian Wilson's wild finish to edge the punchless Nationals.

Sanchez walked or hit seven of Washington's first 10 batters but allowed just two hits and one unearned run in his five innings. Guillermo Mota (2-0) pitched a perfect sixth for the win, and four other relievers followed with hitless work.

## Astros 2, Brewers 1

At Houston, Jason Bourgeois singled home the winning run with two outs in the ninth inning for Houston.

"This is hurting everybody," Mawae said. "The guys getting drafted who can't be part of their teams, the older guys who should be allowed to work out and get ready for playing football."

They were able to do so Friday until an appeals court issued a temporary stay of the injunction that blocked the lockout. The league ordered the 32 teams late Friday night to shut down all business except the draft.

"I didn't build that stadium not to have football in it," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said. "If I wanted to spend my life in courtrooms and controversy over contracts and doing all that thing ... I'd be doing something else."

The ruling came after 17 Broncos veterans showed up at work Friday. Quarterback Tim Tebow wasn't among them. The second-year pro who started the final month last season didn't get into Denver in time to join his teammates.

"When I landed, the lockout was

back on," Tebow said.

That also meant the chain was back on the main gate at the Tennessee Titans' facility, a day after the entrance was thrown wide open for the 15 to 20 players who came by. Reporters arriving Saturday to cover the final day of the NFL draft had to enter through a side gate and drive through the players' lot.

The empty players' lot.

"When you get in court, basically where we are in the process, then you now have somebody else making the decisions for you in many cases," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said. "I think that in general, the things that we want to do are good and are good in the long-term interest of the players, as well as the fans, as well as NFL football."

There was little feeling of goodwill among the fans who showered Commissioner Roger Goodell with a steady stream of boos during the draft at Radio City Music Hall. They chanted "We

want football" even before proceedings began Thursday night, to which Goodell responded, "So do I."

One day later, the lockout was back on. Puzzlement had replaced optimism.

"My advice hasn't changed," said Browns linebacker Scott Fujita, an NFLPA player representative. "When guys are deciding whether they want to return to Cleveland right away ... they just have to understand the need to be flexible."

He said some of the younger players, mostly those who may have spent only a few weeks on the practice squad, are having difficulty paying for medical coverage. Also, he added, because of the uncertainty teams can't expect such players to book expensive, last-minute flights.

"I imagine some players will want to wait for more clarity," he said. "Because it would be a shame for them to rush back, only to find out they'll be locked out for an extended period and

essentially be in limbo again."

So what's next?

Monday becomes a critical day. U.S. District Judge Susan Richard Nelson's order lifting the 45-day lockout last Monday was temporarily stayed by the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis on Friday. The lockout returned a few hours later as the third round of the draft concluded.

"We are in uncharted but fascinating legal territory," said agent/attorney Ralph Cindrich. "The owners' lockout is temporary now; it can become permanent after the same three judges do a detailed review. If the lockout is reinstated, it puts the players down on points big."

But Cindrich predicts the NFL will not get Nelson's injunction permanently blocked. If he is correct, teams will be opening for business again soon.

"I think everybody is frustrated—across the board," Lions linebackers coach Matt Burke said.

the most of a spot start and sending the Yankees to a victory over the Blue Jays.

Derek Jeter hit a sacrifice fly, and Curtis Granderson (notes), Russell Martin and Brett Gardner also drove in runs for the Yankees, who played small ball to perfection against Toronto.

## Orioles 6, White Sox 2

At Chicago, Robert Andino homered and reliever Mike Gonzalez doused a no-out bases-loaded situation as Baltimore Orioles sent Chicago to its 14th loss in 17 games.

Leading 2-1, the Orioles tacked on four runs in the eighth, an inning featuring a passed ball and error on Chicago catcher A.J. Pierzynski and a two-run single by Vladimir Guerrero.

## Royals 11, Twins 2

At Kansas City, Alex Gordon hit a three-run homer in an eight-run eighth inning and rookie right-hander Nate Adcock picked up his first big league victory.

The Royals sent 12 men to the plate in the eighth and scored all eight runs after two outs. Six of the runs were unearned after an error by Twins first baseman Justin Morneau.

Adcock (1-0), a Rule 5 pick from the Pittsburgh Pirates who had never pitched above Class A before this season, worked a scoreless seventh.

## Mariners 2, Red Sox 0

At Boston, Doug Fister worked out of trouble three times in 5 2-3 scoreless innings and the Seattle's bullpen was solid again in the team's fifth straight win.

Boston lost for the fourth time in five games after winning eight of nine.

Seattle's Milton Bradley had an RBI double before being ejected a few minutes later and the Mariners' bullpen pitched the final 3 1/3 innings. Seattle's pen has held opponents scoreless for the last 13 1-3 innings.

## Indians 3, Tigers 2

At Cleveland, Orlando Cabrera lined an RBI single in the 13th inning that gave the Cleveland its 12th straight home win.

A day after Carlos Santana hit a game-winning grand slam in the ninth, the Indians went extra innings to extend their best home streak since a 13-game stretch in 1996. Cabrera singled to deep center with the bases loaded and one out.

## Halladay lifts Phillies to record win



AP  
Philadelphia Phillies starter Roy Halladay pitches against the New York Mets in the ninth inning of a baseball game Saturday, April 30, 2011, in Philadelphia. The Phillies won, 2-1.

Kameron Loe (2-2) walked pinch-hitter Brett Wallace and Michael Bourn with two outs. Bourgeois followed with his third hit, and pinch-runner Bill Hall scored.

Bourgeois also doubled and stole two bases.

## Rockies 4, Pirates 1

At Denver, Jason Hammel shook off a leadoff home run to pitch seven strong innings and Chris Iannetta backed him with a three-run homer.

Hammel (3-1) allowed six hits, including Andrew McCutchen's eighth career homer to start a game.

But Hammel kept the Pirates in check after that, striking out four and walking two. He also benefited from a Rockies defense that turned three

## Cubs 5, Diamondbacks 3

At Phoenix, Darwin Barney singled up the middle to score Geovany Soto in the top of the ninth inning and Chicago beat Arizona.

Alfonso Soriano hit his 10th home run, tying him with Ryan Braun (notes) for the National League lead, and Matt Garza threw eight solid innings for the Cubs.

Garza (1-3) scattered three runs on six hits with 10 strikeouts and two walks over a season-best eight innings for his first win with the Cubs.

## Reds 4, Marlins 3

At Cincinnati, pinch-hitter Edgar Renteria singled with two outs in the 10th

double plays.

## Rangers 11, Athletics 2

At Oakland, Colby Lewis pitched eight strong innings, Texas hit three home runs, including back-to-back shots by Nelson Cruz and Mike Napoli in the fourth, and the Rangers beat the Athletics.

Michael Young hit his first homer of the season as the Rangers tagged A's starter Brett Anderson (2-2) for seven runs in five innings while snapping a two-game losing streak.

## Yankees 5, Blue Jays 4

At New York, Eric Chavez drove in a run and broke up a potential double play that helped lead to three more, making

# LeBron gets third shot at confident Celtics



**MIAMI** (AP)—LeBron James planned to spend a large part of Saturday studying film, looking for any edge that the Miami Heat may use against the Boston Celtics.

Film from this season, that is.

No need to watch the Celtics inflicting past playoff wounds on him. Those remain fresh—and time has not yet healed them.

The inability to beat Boston is one of the biggest reasons why James is now wearing a Miami Heat uniform. He'll get a third attempt to top the Celtics in a postseason series starting Sunday when the teams collide in Game 1 of what may easily become an epic Eastern Conference semifinal.

"It is personal," James said Saturday as the Heat finished practice. "It is. Absolutely right. You don't want to keep getting beat by the same team, the same team keep sending you home to plan a vacation. So it is personal."

The Celtics expected him to say nothing less.

"It would be personal for me," Boston forward Paul Pierce said. "I'm sure he's going to take it personal and you've got to expect his best."

Unwittingly or not, the Celtics played a huge role in setting up an off-season unlike any other in NBA history. Boston gave James a big push toward Miami for a strength-in-numbers approach with the Heat that wasn't possible during the two-time MVP's stint with the Cavaliers.

Collectively, James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh figure to rate a better chance, and that theory is about to get put to the real test. They left a combined \$51 million on the bargaining table last summer, and victory in this best-of-seven series may make that money seem exceptionally well-spent.

"I think you've got two really good teams, two teams with a lot of will, two teams with a lot of pride," Celtics general manager Danny Ainge said. "And I think it's going to be a great series."

The Celtics have 17 NBA championship banners, and there's at least that many story lines for this matchup.

Boston's Shaquille O'Neal wants to come back from injury for this series, as does Udonis Haslem for Miami. The Heat know they need to find ways of getting Wade going against the Celtics, which didn't happen in the regular season. Boston wants to exploit what it figures to be a significant edge at point guard with Rajon Rondo over the duo of Mike Bibby and Mario Chalmers.

And there's that small matter of the teams just plain not liking one another.

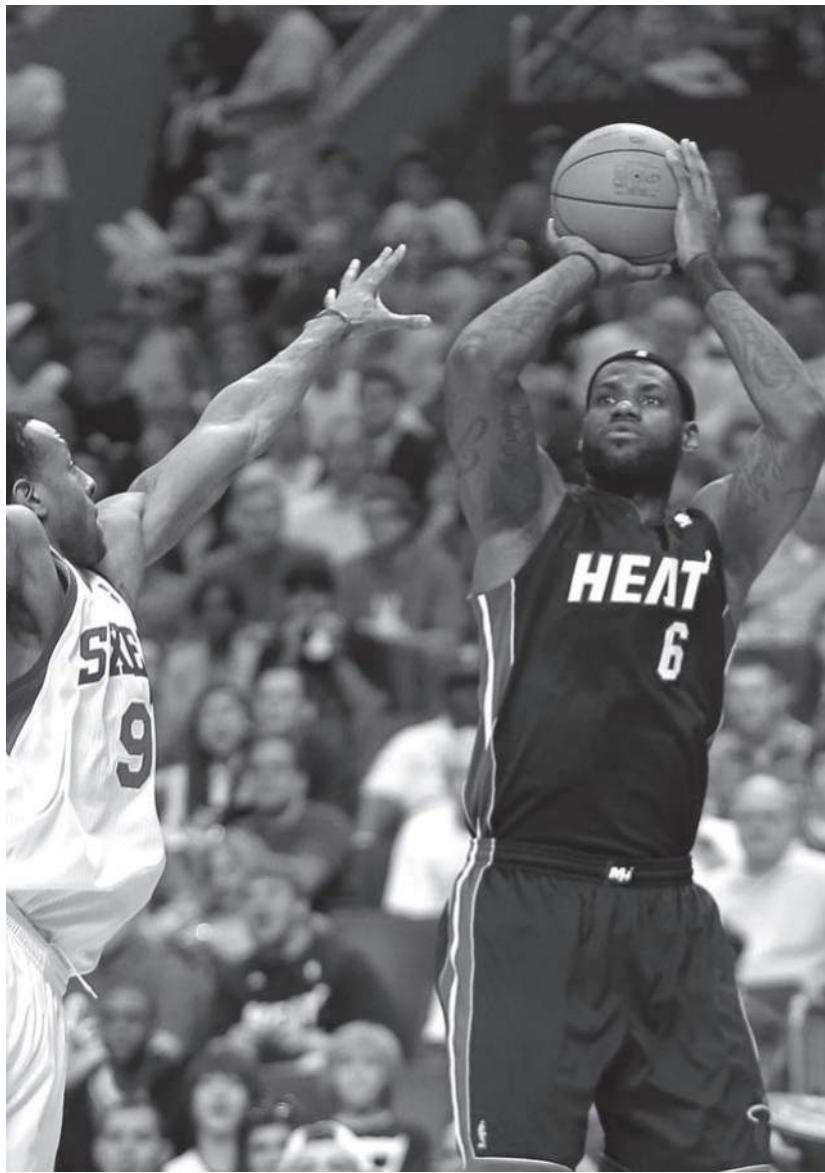
"Playoffs is a new season," Boston forward Kevin Garnett said. "New situations, new scenarios. So everything we've done up to this point is just history."

In Miami's case, the history is not good.

Not only did Boston oust both Wade (in the first round) and James (in the second round) from last year's playoffs, but the Celtics have won 18 of their last 21 meetings overall against Miami—even after the Heat rolled to a 100-77 win at home on April 10, the lone time they knocked off the defending East kings in four matchups this season.

The dominance has extended into the playoffs, too.

Of the 15 players on Miami's roster,



Philadelphia 76ers' Andre Iguodala, left, defends as Miami Heat's LeBron James shoots a jumper during the first half of Game 4 of a first-round NBA playoff basketball series, Sunday, April 24, 2011, in Philadelphia. AP

nine have been ousted from past post-seasons by the Celtics, with James and Zydrunas Ilgauskas enduring that fate in both 2008 and 2010 with the Cavaliers. Only one player—James Jones, a reserve with Indiana in 2005—knows how it feels to beat the NBA's all-time championship leaders in a playoff series.

"I look forward to the challenge," Wade said. "I know I haven't played well against this team. That's no secret."

In Boston's eyes, Miami's hopes may not be pinned on Wade or James. The Celtics say the key may be Bosh.

Sometimes the forgotten man in the series of megadeals that reshaped the Heat last summer, Bosh had three double-doubles in five games against Philadelphia in the opening round. When he gets to at least 10 points and 10 rebounds, the Heat win at a 77 percent clip (24-7).

"LeBron and Wade are LeBron

and Wade," Celtics coach Doc Rivers said. "They're going to be great. They were great before the series, they'll be great during it and they'll be great after and this summer when you're talking about it, you'll say 'LeBron and Wade are great players.' That's not going to change. But when Bosh plays great, then their team is great. And so, he's a

key guy for them."

Boston hasn't played for a week since sweeping the New York Knicks out of the first round, and the Heat had slow starts in all five games of their series against Philadelphia.

"We've prepared a long time for this," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "It's time to toss the ball up in the air."

## Rose says he hasn't been informed he's MVP

**DEERFIELD** (AP)—A heavy MVP favorite, Chicago Bulls star Derrick Rose insists the NBA has not informed him he is the winner.

He said "No, not yet" Saturday when asked if he had been told he won the award.

Rose's comment came a day after a congratulatory post on teammate C.J. Watson's Twitter account that caused a bit of a stir.

That message read: "Congrats to drose on winning the MVP he's played unbelievable this season!!! now just need tibs to win coach of the yr."

It would hardly be a surprise if Rose won the MVP, considering he averaged 25 points and 7.7 assists while leading Chicago to a league-best 62-20 record. Tom Thibodeau is also a favorite for coach of the year.

Rose made light of Watson's post, saying "C.J. knows a lot of people. A lot of famous people, too, so watch that guy."

Meanwhile, the Bulls took two days to rest. Carlos Boozer needed a little more time.

The Bulls forward sat out Friday's practice because of turf toe on his right foot, and coach Tom Thibodeau said "it's hard to say" if he'll be ready for Game 1 of the Eastern Conference semifinals against Atlanta on Monday.

"I'm thinking he will be able to," Thibodeau said.

Boozer had an MRI that confirmed it was turf toe, a painful sprain to the ligaments around the big toe joint. If Boozer can't go, Kurt Thomas or Taj Gibson would likely start in his place.

Meanwhile, Derrick Rose did practice and Thibodeau said the left ankle he sprained in the first round against Indiana was fine.

Losing Boozer would be a big blow to the Bulls, even though he did have difficulties against the Pacers. Chicago won that series in five games, but he got bogged down by foul trouble and struggled at times when he was on the court.

The toe problem surfaced in Game 5 against the Pacers on Tuesday, when he heard a pop while scoring his lone basket in the second quarter, and he finished with just two points on 1-for-5 shooting. That didn't stop the top-seeded Bulls from running away with a 116-89 victory, bringing a tougher-than-expected series to an emphatic close after the first four games went down to the wire.

Now, they're looking at the Hawks, who knocked off Dwight Howard and the Orlando Magic. It would certainly help the Bulls if they had a more effective Boozer.

That's something they've been missing for awhile, though.

Boozer really wasn't the same down the stretch after he missed five games in March with a sprained left ankle, and that pattern continued in the first round.

After hitting the 20-point mark just three times and finishing with 14 or fewer eight times over his final 14 regular-season games, he was out of sync against the Pacers.

His scoring dipped from 17.3 points per game in the regular season to 10.0 against the Pacers and he never really got into a rhythm.

ied the two par-5s on the back nine to tie Simpson.

"It was hard to make a lot of putts, for me," Watson said. "The greens are getting burned out. Hopefully, they don't lose them by Monday. Some of them are getting pretty brown."

"Other guys on the board were making some putts, but for me it was a tough day."

Simpson quickly made up a three-shot deficit, beginning with a 6-foot birdie putt on the third hole. He followed with a 33-footer on the fourth and a 16-footer on the fifth hole to get to 10 under.

A 62-foot chip-in on the sixth gave him the lead at 11 under, and he closed out the streak with a 4-footer on the par-5 seventh hole.

"It just kickstarted the round for me," Simpson said. "I've been playing well I feel like as of late. Today was a little more exciting."

Simpson brought some unwanted excitement to his final hole when his second shot flirted with the water. He chipped up and two-putted, happy to escape with par.

"I thought it was in the middle of the lake but somehow it stayed left," he said. "Just a poor swing. It was a good break there."

## Watson, Simpson share Zurich Classic



**A V O N - DALE, La.**  
(AP)—Bubba Watson was

asked if his experience was an edge over co-leader Webb Simpson entering the final round of the Zurich Classic.

"There's no advantage. He wants to win. I want to win," said Watson, a two-time PGA Tour champion but winless in the previous three events he has had at least a share of the third-round lead.

"There's always pressure you put on yourself and then the outside pressure that everybody else seems to put on you. You have to get used to that. So for him not winning his first one might be a little tougher for him, but I'm just as nervous as he is. I might have a half a percentage better chance than he does."

Watson made a 4-foot birdie putt on the par-5 18th hole for a 2-under 70 and a share of lead.

Simpson, seeking his first tour title, birdied Nos. 3-7, then closed with 11 pars for a 67 to match Watson, who has had at least a share of the lead after all three rounds, at 12-under 204

at TPC Louisiana.

Watson needed to birdie the 588-yard 18th to get into the final group Sunday. After hitting his 250-yard approach into a greenside bunker, he blasted out to 4 feet to set up his birdie putt.

"Knowing that if I stroke this well, I'm tied for the lead and not one back, knowing I'm in the final group," said Watson, the Torrey Pines winner in January. "There was a lot of pressure on that for me. Somehow it went in dead center, and so I'm in the final group."

John Rollins (69) was third at 11 under, and 2002 winner K.J. Choi (67) was 10 under along with Steve Stricker (68), George McNeill (65), Charles Howell III (66), Tommy Gainey (68) and Matt Jones (69). Former LSU star David Toms, the 2001 Zurich winner, topped a group at 8 under after a 67.

Luke Donald, who missed an opportunity to jump from No. 3 to No. 1 in the world a week ago when he lost playoff to Brandt Snedeker at Hilton Head, was 7 under after a 70.

Simpson has a share of the 54-hole lead for the first time in his career.

"I've always slept pretty good going

back to college and amateur days holding the lead," said Simpson, who tied for second behind Phil Mickelson on April 3 in Houston. "But this is why we do what we do. This is why we work out, why we practice, to give ourselves a chance to win on the PGA Tour."

"I think that will kind of calm my nerves."

Rollins is a three-time tour winner. "I've felt very comfortable on the golf course this week," Rollins said. "We've got three good ones, hoping for one more."

Watson made a 3-foot birdie putt on the first hole to open a two-shot lead. He appeared to be in position to increase the lead on the par-5 second after a 321-yard drive, but his 3-iron approach from 256 yards rolled over the green and came to rest near a cypress tree. He stubbed his chip and settled for par.

He three-putted the par-3 third hole for bogey from 47 feet and added another bogey on the sixth to fall back to 9 under, at that point two shots behind Simpson, who was playing three groups in front of Watson.

The 32-year-old Watson then bird-

# Team Pastor, Team Morales draw byes in playoffs

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Team Morales and Team Pastor finished in the Top 2 of Pool B of the Saipan Marianas Club-Civic Center Inter-Color Friendship Basketball League to earn byes in the first round of the playoffs.

Team Morales defeated Team Pastor, 94-85, on Friday, to finish the regular season on top of Pool A with its perfect 5-0 record. Team Pastor ended up in second place with its 4-1 card as after losing to Team Morales, the former prevailed over Team

Fishermen on Saturday. Kae Bernardo led Team Morales' victory over Team Pastor, as he sizzled for 41 points. Gilbert Miranda contributed 18, while White Capalad and Jomer Diyco added 13 and 11, respectively. Team Pastor drew 28 points from Bon Tamayo and 17 from Badong Camacho.

Team Morales was behind at the break, 33-40, when Mi-

Team Pastor's Bon Tamayo goes up for a floater against a Team Fishermen defender during the last regular season game in the Marianas Lions Club caging at the Civic Center Basketball Court last Saturday.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO



golfers had similar net scores of 79 to top the A Flight, which drew 27 golfers.

Olopai managed an early lead after he birdied hole No. 9 to finish the front with a 39. Piao took a bogey on No. 9 and fell a stroke behind. However after the turn Olopai bogeyed holes No. 10, 15, 16, and 18, while Piao recovered from a triple bogey on No. 15 and a bogey on No. 17 with a pair of birdies in between to force the sudden death.

Sudden death started on No. 17 and both players saved par. The same thing happened on No. 18. Then at hole No. 1, Piao's tee shot landed safely on the felt. Olopai sliced his second shot and hit the green a stroke

behind allowing Piao to take the victory.

The battle for third place also went through the playoff with Adam Lee edging out Ned Norita. Both players finished with a gross 80 and Lee won the first hole (No. 8).

In other results, Lito Mendoza (82), Gil Santos (83) and Joseph Muna (84) completed the Top 3 of the 35-player B Flight; Rufin Inos (87), Amier Younis (88), and Shi Hong Jin (89) took the 36-player C Flight podium; Joe A. Lizama (78), Tony Satur (79), and Ed Manibusan (79) finished in the Top 3 in the 21-player Senior Flight; and Jeong Yoon Kim tallied a gross 79 to top the 13-player Ladies Flight, ahead

of low net Top 2 finishers Lorraine Babauta and Aya Matsumoto. Ladies low net finishers were formulated under a Double Peoria format.

Babauta's 94 gross was adjusted to a 72.40 net score, while Matsumoto's 89 gross was calculated to a 73.40.

First place finishers in all flights were awarded Continental Airlines flight package to anywhere in Asia and Micronesia and \$500 cash. Second and third place finishers won \$300 and \$200, respectively.

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second place, while the Cougars completed the Top 3.

The Lions had Jaymark De Guzman, Nevin Slem, Bryl Alegre, Ken Orejola, and Mark Villones on their roster. Other teams that joined the U16 division were the RBC Frotos, Celts, and the Falcons.

Each game in the 3-on-3 tournament was played in two five-minute halves and every squad had only 10 seconds to pull up for a shot.

were credited with RBI singles. Winning pitcher Tyler Kaipat went all five frames and gave up one earned run off five hits and a walk with eight strikeouts. Smith batted 2-for-3 with three RBIs, three runs, and three stolen bases.

## MAJORS Twins 4, Comets 2

After a quiet first inning, the Twins loaded the bases right away in the top of the second that set up a two-RBI single by Tommy Cangco, but the Comets got a run back in the bottom frame off an error.

Then in the top of the third, Twins' Rokie Tenorio smashed a two-run shot with one out to put his team ahead, 4-1; Richard Atalig came around the bases with him.

The Comets managed a run in the bottom frame and the Jets shot ahead, 12-0, in the top of the second off five hits; Smith, Quinson Blas, and Matt Maeda

led from start to finish to complete the regular season with a 4-1 record.

With the win, Team C-GDM tied Team Olivos for the top spot in Pool A, but the latter won the tiebreak. Both teams earned byes in the first round of the single-elimination playoffs.

Armatech was third in Pool A with its 3-2 card and dueled Pool B last-ranked Pool Team

Sinigang (1-4) at the start of the crossover playoffs yesterday. Pool A fourth-ranked-Team Joey (2-3) battled Pool B fifth-ranked Civic Boys in another playoff game yesterday. Results of these games were unavailable at press time.

For other first round playoff pairings, Pool B third-ranked GPPC (2-3) will take on Pool A last-ranked Team Pacman (0-5), while Pool A fifth-ranked Team Max (2-3) will play Pool B fourth-ranked Team Fishermen.

## SOUTHERN

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In the boys race, Southern clocked in at 3:27.00, about 15 seconds ahead of both KHS (3:41.98) and MHS (3:42.34).

After the preliminaries, the Southern girls clocked in at 8:31:04 to win the 1,000m finals over MCS (8:58.27) and MHS (9:06.91).

The Rays led the pack in the 1,000m boys finals with a time of 7:09.44 against Kagman's 7:21.54 and MHS' 7:29.75.

The Lady Manta Rays broke the four-minute mark in the 500m finals with a time of 3:58.26, while MCS (4:10.22) and

MHS (4:12.88) came in at second and third, respectively.

The Southern boys edged out MHS (3:33.12) with their 3:28.26 in the 500m finals, and secured the sweep despite losing their line and veering off at the home-stretch. Kagman settled for third with a time of 3:52.52.

Points were not awarded during last week's races, but will be issued in this Saturday's 1500m and 500m races, which start at 9am.

According to the MISO rules, five, three, two, and one point will be awarded to the first, second, third, and fourth place finishers, respectively, and finals races are worth double the points. The team to earn the most points wins the competition.

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#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	15	9	.625	—
Tampa Bay	15	12	.556	1 1/2
Toronto	13	14	.481	3 1/2
Baltimore	12	13	.480	3 1/2
Boston	11	15	.423	5

#### Central Division

Cleveland	18	8	.692	—
Kansas City	14	13	.519	4 1/2
Detroit	12	15	.444	6 1/2
Chicago	10	18	.357	9
Minnesota	9	17	.346	9

#### West Division

Texas	16	11	.593	—
Los Angeles	15	12	.556	1
Oakland	13	14	.481	3
Seattle	13	15	.464	3 1/2

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	18	8	.692	—
Florida	16	9	.640	1 1/2
Atlanta	13	15	.464	6
Washington	12	14	.462	6
New York	11	16	.407	7 1/2

#### Central Division

St. Louis	16	11	.593	—
Cincinnati	14	13	.519	2
Milwaukee	13	13	.500	2 1/2
Chicago	12	14	.462	3 1/2
Pittsburgh	12	15	.444	4
Houston	10	17	.370	6

#### West Division

Colorado	17	8	.680	—
Los Angeles	14	14	.500	4 1/2
San Francisco	13	13	.500	4 1/2
Arizona	11	15	.423	6 1/2
San Diego	10	17	.370	8

#### Yesterday's Games

Tampa Bay 2, L.A. Angels 1, 10 innings  
Texas 11, Oakland 2

N.Y. Yankees 5, Toronto 4  
Cleveland 3, Detroit 2, 13 innings

Baltimore 6, Chicago White Sox 2  
Kansas City 11, Minnesota 2

Seattle 2, Boston 0  
Philadelphia 2, N.Y. Mets 1

St. Louis 3, Atlanta 2  
San Francisco 2, Washington 1

Houston 2, Milwaukee 1  
Cincinnati 4, Florida 3, 10 innings

Chicago Cubs 5, Arizona 3

Colorado 4, Pittsburgh 1

San Diego 5, L.A. Dodgers 2

#### ZURICH CLASSIC SCORES

AVONDALE, Louisiana (AP) — Scores Saturday from the Zurich Classic, a US PGA event at the 7,399-yard, par-72 TPC of Louisiana:

Third Round  
Webb Simpson 68-69-67-204

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with a couple of bogeys on No. 12 and 13, and double-bogey on No. 15 for an 4-over par 40. He ended up with a 2-over par 74, which was still one-shot ahead of eventual runner-up Geon Ju Lee, who carded a 3-over par 75.

Notably, Bae also won closest to the pin honors on hole No. 10 (10'1"). Also winning closest to the pin honors at hole No. 17 was Jun Park, who slid into third place with his gross 76.

In the A Flight, 18-year-old Jun Yi Piao defeated Tars Olopai in the sudden death playoff on the third hole. The two

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against His and Hers and the former prevailed anew, 7-0, to make it to the finals. A few more games in the loser's bracket were scheduled, but called off as it rained for the third time.

Organizers then opted to hand the RBC Ballers the U12 championship with their undefeated

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Twins defeated the Rep. Joseph P. DLGuerrero-Tan Siu Lin-Mike P. Tenorio Dandan Comets, 4-2, yesterday at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Pangelinan Ballfield.

## BIG

# Weekend Sports

Tennis, baseball, and grappling and submission challenge were the biggest events last week.

In tennis, Week 2 of the 2011 CNMI Junior Championships was played with eight players getting the championships in their respective divisions. Crowned champions were U18's Thea Minor and Rafael Jones, U15's Jake Lee and Mikayla Lopez, U12's Moris Villanueva and Tammy Ackerman, and U10's Alex Park and Julia Ishikawa.

In baseball, the Junior League started its playoff round with the

## Tennis, baseball, grappling top list

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BTS Martha Store Survivors and IT&E Fielders downing separates foes in the semifinals to arrange their title duel on May 7.

"Rukiz" Manglona stopped by at the Trench Tech Purebred Gym in San Antonio and went on to win two gold medals in the one-day tournaments.

Other Art of War 6 winners were Guam's Universal Alliance and Counter Shot's Ryan Bustamante, Marianas Elite's Derick "El Peligro" Rangamar, Trench Tech's Shane "Pikaboo" Alvarez, Mylo "Locksmith"

Lassiter, and The Pound's Shane Aguon.

Other on going competitions on Saipan continued last week with NMIFA having its men's and women's leagues, the Chamolian softball league playing at the Capital Hill Ballfield, Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization holding the fast-pitch league, and the Coalition of Private

School Sports Association having its high school caging.

In NMIFA's men's league, MP United and Inter Godafather's engaged in a 3-3 draw in a Division A match, while SKY FC shut out Tan Holdings, 2-0, in Division B.

In the women's league, MP United won over Matansa, Paire beat Tan Holdings, and Shirley's prevailed over Independents.

In the Chamolian league, Natibu downed Phat Boyz in the battle of undefeated teams to improve to a 12-0 record.

In the MISO fast-pitch softball league, Saipan Southern High School and Marianas High School 2 won their debuts after defeating MHS 1 and Kagman High School, respectively.

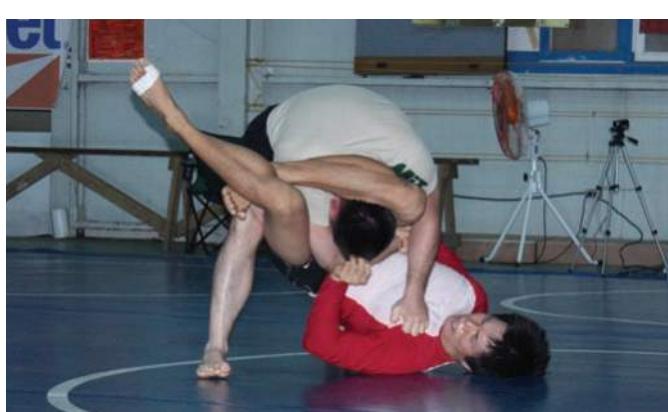
In the COPPSA caging, Grace Christian Academy went 3-for-3 last week to gain its fourth win in the five-team field. The Eagles won over Saipan International School, Mt. Carmel, and Agape Christian School. Marianas Baptist Academy is also in the competition.



WALTER CEPEDA-SUTHERLAND  
Sakudi's Popo Tudela swings during their game against Enamo Meta in the Chamolian league at the Capital Hill Ballfield.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
Grace Christian Academy's Angelo Salas goes up for a shot against Agape Christian School defenders during their game in the COPPSA caging at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court last week.



WALTER CEPEDA-SUTHERLAND  
Trench Tech's Rey Kim, right, attempts a triangle choke submission on Tim Borja during Trench Tech Purebred Art of War 6 Grappling and Submission Challenge.



WALTER CEPEDA-SUTHERLAND  
Winners in the light heavyweight division of Trench Tech Purebred Art of War 6 Grappling and Submission Challenge pose for a group photo with the medal presentors.



WALTER CEPEDA-SUTHERLAND  
The Fielders' Keene Guerrero delivers a pitch against the Ol'Aces during their semis game in the Junior League last week at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
Amami Sakano, right, and Daniel Park exchange hi-fives after scoring a point against Tommy Choi and Seiya Eda during their boys U18 doubles game in the 2011 CNMI Junior Championships at the AMP tennis courts.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
Seiya Eda serves, while Tommy Choi gets ready near the net during their doubles game against Amami Sakano and Daniel Park in the 2011 CNMI Junior Championships at the AMP tennis courts.



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# Bae leads NMC Open winners



Bae Yong Man, center, accepts the Championship Flight top prize in last Saturday's 9th NMC Foundation Open Golf Tournament awards banquet held at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort. Joining him in the photo are NMC Foundation vice president Ivan Quichocho, right, and NMC interim president Lorraine Cabrera.

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**B**ae Yong Man topped the 12-player Championship Flight to lead the winners in the 9th Annual NMC Foundation Open Golf Tournament played on Saturday on the west course of the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.



Bae had a bad start in the centerpiece flight when he bogeyed his first hole. However, he recovered soon and scored an eagle on his second hole. He went on to finish the front nine with a 2-under par 34. On the back nine, Bae struggled a little bit

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## Northern Stars clinch Big League pennant



Lions' Russel Hocog takes a cut during their Senior League game against the Ol'Aces last Saturday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

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The Nabitu Northern Stars clinched the Big League pennant after a 13-2 run-rule

decision in five innings over the IT&E Fielders yesterday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

In other results over the weekend, the Senior division's Tan Siu Lin-Rep. Fred DL Guerrero-Rep. Ramon S. Basa Kagman Lions defeated the CTS

Ol'Aces, 9-7; Tan Holdings Fielders bested the St. Michael's Hunters, 10-5; and the Saipan Shipping-Pacific Amusement Jets routed the Rep. Rafael Demapan Heats, 15-2.

In the Majors, the Marianas Health Services' As Matusi

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## RBC Ballers, Lions rule 3-on-3 caging

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The Lions and Rollers Basketball Club claimed the championships in the rained-out Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence SAFE Jamboree/FIBA 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament.

The Lions and RBC Ballers notched enough wins to clinch the U16 and U12 championships, respectively, last Saturday at the Koblerville Basketball Court. No championship games were played in the weekend tournament due to rain, and organizers went through participating teams' records and points in the double-elimination competition to decide the winner of each division.

The RBC Ballers were undefeated in three games, debuting with a 10-8 victory over sister team RBC Rascals. In their second game, the RBC Ballers were ahead, 6-2, when rain halted the match with only 1:14 left on the clock. When rain stopped and the match resumed, the Ballers still won, 10-2.

With their 2-0 record, the Ballers advanced to the semis

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
The Lions' Nevin Salem goes for a block against a driving Sean Rabestro of RBC Cougars during their U16 game in a 3-on-3 caging last Saturday at the Koblerville Elementary School.

## Southern sweeps MISO outrigger season opener

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Saipan Southern High School swept the boys and girls outrigger races and went undefeated in Saturday's Marianas Interschol-

astic Sports Organization season opener held at the Kilili Beach.

In the 1,000m preliminary round, the Lady Manta Rays beat Marianas High School (9:03.47) and Mount Carmel High School (9:10:47), with a time of 8:53.42.

Then in the boys race, Southern submitted 7:01.37,

to come out ahead of Kagman High School (7:06.73) and MHS (7:44.57).

The Lady Rays also won the 500m preliminary race with a 4:03.60 mark, ahead of the MCS Lady Knights (4:06.38) and the MHS Lady Dolphins (4:12.92).

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WALTER CEPEDA-SUTHERLAND  
Members of the Saipan Southern High School boys outrigger squad celebrate after winning the 1,000m finals in last Saturday's MISO outrigger season opener held at Kilili Beach.